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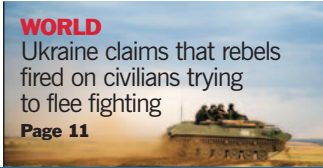
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A protester stands in the street after police fired tear gas to disperse a crowd Sunday during a protest for Michael Brown, who was killed by a police officer last Saturday in Ferguson, Mo.

Charlie Riedel/AP



CRISIS IN IRAQ

US steps up airstrikes as Kurds move on Mosul Dam

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

The United States has expanded its air campaign in Iraq, striking Islamic State targets near the strategic Mosul Dam for a third day Monday and using land-based bombers.

More than half of the 68 airstrikes the U.S. has conducted over Iraq since President Barack Obama authorized them

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With the help of U.S. firepower Kurdish and Iraqi forces had largely regained control

Aug. 7 have been around the dam in support of Iraqi forces, according to U.S. Central Command. Fifteen of these were on Monday; 14 were on Sunday.

of the Mosul Dam, Iraqi officials said, cited by The Associated Press. The Islamic State on Monday, however, disputed those claims.

Militants with the Islamic State group had seized the dam less than two weeks ago, pushing out Kurdish forces, known as peshmerga.

Meanwhile, a Kurdish official told the AP that the peshmerga had withdrawn from the complex because it was heavily

rigged with explosives.

President Barack Obama, in a letter to Congress on Sunday, authorized the latest round of strikes, saying the order was aimed at protecting a key piece of Iraqi infrastructure and helping local fighters in their campaign to push back Islamic militants who have taken over large portions of the country. Until now, the air campaign had been focused on humanitarian aid and

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You want to say so much ... because they're in so much pain. They suffer so much, but they can only see your eyes."

— Doctors Without Borders nurse Monia Sayah, on her work treating Ebola patients in West Africa

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MILITARY

NATO leader reaffirms unity policy

Breedlove: Organization would respond militarily to infiltration of member state

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A NATO military response would be required if Moscow secretly sent personnel, with or without Russian military uniforms, into a member state as it did during its takeover of Crimea earlier this year, NATO's top officer said.

"If NATO sees foreign forces infiltrating its sovereign territory, and if we can prove it comes from an aggressor nation — then that's Article 5," Gen. Philip Breedlove said in an interview with the German newspaper *Die Welt*. "That means a military response to the actions of the aggressor. Therefore, we have to expand the internal national capabilities to identify such a move and to deal with it."

Article 5, the linchpin of the alliance's founding treaty, ensures that an attack on one member demands a collective response from all. Breedlove's latest comments come as NATO is preparing for a summit next month that will, in large part, focus on shifting the 28-nation alliance's attention back to potential threats inside Europe.

Breedlove, NATO's supreme allied commander and head of U.S. European Command, has said NATO must take into account Russian actions in Ukraine as it prepares for future threats.

Western officials have accused Moscow of arming pro-Russia militants in eastern Ukraine and dispatching Russian military personnel to the country. In the case of Ukraine's Crimean peninsula,



Breedlove

formally annexed the region in March.

Breedlove said NATO must be ready to counter such unconventional tactics, which NATO's eastern member states fear Russia could deploy in areas with large ethnic Russian populations, such as in the Baltics.

"The most important thing is that NATO nations are prepared

for the so-called little green men," said Breedlove, referring to the armed military without national insignia who create unrest. "We've seen this in eastern Ukraine. ... And there is a danger that also could happen in other East European states. Therefore, we have to train the police and army there in such a way that they can deal with this kind of challenge."

Late last month, Breedlove said allies also must take into proper account unconventional threats such as cyberwarfare and irregular militia operations.

"It is illustrative for us to look at this form of warfare we're seeing from Russia and how we will react to it in the future," Breedlove said at the time.

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Navy drone takes off, flies, lands with jets

The Virginian-Pilot

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT — The movement of jets aboard an aircraft carrier flight deck is often compared to a ballet, with sailors in multicolored shirts guiding fighter pilots and their jets in a tightly choreographed dance.

So what happens if you add a robot to the human performers?

The Navy attempted to answer that question Sunday aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, where, for the first

time, the service's prototype of an unmanned stealth plane, the X-47B, took off and landed on a carrier flight deck alongside traditional fighter jets.

The experiment off the coast of Virginia was a glimpse into the future of naval aviation, said Rear Adm. Mat Winter, who oversees the Navy's unmanned aviation and strike weapons program. The Navy plans to someday integrate an entire fleet of automated drones such as the X-47B into its carrier air wings — not to replace piloted aircraft, Winter said, but



Liz Wolter/Globe Newswire

The U.S. Navy's unmanned X-47B conducts flight operations aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt off the coast of Virginia on Sunday.

to complement them.

"What you saw today was history," Winter told reporters after the first in a series of exercises planned aboard the ship this week. "It's the next step in our understanding of how technologies come together to provide tactical capabilities."

If the operation of a flight deck is indeed a dance, it's fair to say the X-47B prototype was a hair off beat during its first performance with other jets Sunday. Its timing wasn't as sharp — its execution of routine maneuvers not

quite as crisp — as its manned counterparts. That was to be expected, officials said, declaring the test run a success.

"This is the first time we've ever tried it," said Capt. Beau Duarte, a program manager who works for Winter, emphasizing that this is only the fifth time the X-47B has even been on a carrier. With practice, Duarte said, the Navy believes it can integrate unmanned aircraft without having to totally rewrite its policies governing flight deck movements.

Correction

A Washington Post article in Monday's Stars and Stripes contained incorrect wording in a quote about women held captive by Islamic State militants and pressed into marriage.

The correct quote should have been: The women "are considered apostate, and it is haram (forbidden) for Muslims to marry a non-Muslim," said Hoshyar Zebari, a senior Kurdish leader who until recently served as Iraq's foreign minister.

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MILITARY



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Bilandar Singh, 30, left, and Enderpal Singh, 28, stand next to their small store in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday.

Death of Afghan Sikh shows the desperation of minorities

BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY
AND ZUBAIR BABARKHAIL
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The father of two young children and a struggling business owner deep in debt, Jasbeer Singh opted to leave Afghanistan and seek better fortunes for his family in the West, a path taken by many fellow Afghan Sikhs in recent years.

The journey ultimately cost Singh his life. His body was discovered Saturday inside a metal shipping container at the English port of Tilbury with 34 other Afghan Sikhs who were to be smuggled into the country. Port agents discovered the group after hearing shouts from within the container. Singh's was the only death.

The episode is a window into the desperation of an Afghan minority to leave the country during the current political uncertainty. With few economic opportunities and continuing religious discrimination, Sikhs fear any future turmoil will only be to their disadvantage.

It also shows that the sacrifice of international troops in America's longest war has not been enough to build confidence among Afghanists' vulnerable minorities about the future of their country once most of the foreign soldiers leave by the end of this year.

"We're leaving because of the problems in the country," said Bilandar Singh, 30, who owns a spice shop in downtown Kabul. "Normal Afghans suffer here, and we're the minority."

Sikhs and Hindus, another Afghan minority with Indian origins, numbered in the tens of thousands across Afghanistan in the decades before the Russian invasion in 1979. Now believed to

number closer to 3,000, the community has been leaving en masse in recent years. Its representatives have asked the United Nations and the United States for help in settling the remaining members, with little luck.

Community members say their past acceptance in Afghanistan has disappeared during decades of war and deprivation.

‘Some people are worried about their future, which is why they flee the country.’

Iqbal Singh
Sikh religious leader in Kabul

They speak of increased harassment and persecution. Kabul residents protested the cremation of their dead on the city's outskirts, leading to confrontations. Legislators in the Afghan parliament refused to reserve a seat for the community, forcing President Hamid Karzai to decree the creation of one.

Sikh and Hindu business owners, meanwhile, suffer from the same economic malaise affecting the rest of Afghan society. Uncertainty over the status of Western troops in the country and a presidential election stalemate mean less spending and lower investment.

"Business has gone down in the past two years," said Iqbal Singh, a Sikh religious leader in Kabul. "And now when we have the election dragging on from five to six months, it added to uncertainty about the country. Some people are worried about their future, which

is why they flee the country."

Jasbeer Singh, called "Meet" by those who knew him, owned a spice shop in the eastern city of Jalalabad, according to his uncle, Daleeb Singh, 55, who was reached by phone Monday. Meet Singh owed money for the business, his uncle said, and his creditors had begun asking more frequently to be repaid.

With his wife and two young sons, Meet Singh left abruptly one day a year and a half ago, Daleeb Singh said. "He didn't tell me where he was going," he said. "He just told me he was going abroad. And the next day, he disappeared. He couldn't leave the area in the open."

The last word the uncle received from his nephew was a phone call from Belgium, where Meet Singh and his family lived for several months before their attempt to smuggle themselves into England.

Daleeb Singh said family members held a small mourning ceremony for their relative. He hopes the British government will return the body to Jalalabad. He wants them to grant asylum to his nephew's family.

"They don't have any property here, any reason to be here," he said. "They will suffer a lot if they come back."

At his herb and spice shop in Kabul, Bilandar Singh said he and his relatives were saving money to leave the country. He said Singh's death wouldn't stop Sikhs from working with smugglers or even from agreeing to be smuggled inside a metal container.

"From the beginning, they know they have to deal with the smugglers," he said. "It's a game of life and death."

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Troops, a dozen F-15s from 493rd deploy to Bulgaria

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WASHINGTON — Troops and fighter aircraft from the 493rd Fighter Squadron, nicknamed "The Grim Reapers," have been sent to Bulgaria as tensions in Eastern Europe continue to run high.

A dozen F-15s and approximately 180 personnel from the 493rd, based at RAF Lakenheath, England, have deployed to Graf Ignatievo Air Base to participate in a two-week bilateral training exercise with the Bulgarian air force, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters Monday.

The exercise began Monday and will continue through Sept. 1. The purpose of the deployment is to "conduct training and focus on maintaining joint readiness while building interoperability," Warren said.

The move comes at a time when America's Eastern European partners and allies are concerned about Russian military intervention in Ukraine. There are fears that Moscow might try to destabilize other countries in the region.

"This is a reflection of our steadfast commitment to enhancing regional security," Warren said about the exercise.

Last week the Pentagon announced that approximately 600 soldiers from the Army's

‘This is a reflection of our steadfast commitment to enhancing regional security.’

Col. Steve Warren
Pentagon spokesman

warfare training exercises. The 1st Cavalry will also bring M4 Abrams tanks, infantry fighting vehicles and armored personnel carriers, according to the Defense Department.

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Search launched for missing vehicles belonging to troops

BY MIKE FITZGERALD
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Hundreds of vehicles belonging to U.S. military members serving overseas are missing. Now, Gen. Paul Selva, chief of the U.S. Transportation Command, is sending task teams worldwide to look for them.

Selva announced Friday night that he has directed site survey teams to visit vehicle processing centers around the globe to look for missing cars entrusted to International Auto Logistics, of Brunswick, Ga., the target of hundreds of complaints since it took over an almost \$1 billion, five-year contract on May 1.

"This is the latest in a series of steps to restore confidence of service members and their families in the POV (personally owned vehicle) shipping process," according to a statement posted on the TRANSCOM website Friday night.

The actions are being taken after a special TRANSCOM task force trying to fix the problem visited several vehicle staging centers and "determined significantly increased contract surveillance during the contract transition is necessary," according to Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Guemmer,

the task force leader.

One of those who've complained about a missing car is retired Air Force officer Michelle Kastler, of New Baden, Ill., who still is waiting for her car to show up.

Kastler said she was not impressed by TRANSCOM's announcement, which emphasized the survey teams will not be doing IAL's job for them.

"By sending out those teams, that is exactly what they're doing," Kastler said. "And think of the huge expense that's going to be."

In preparation for returning home after three years in Great Britain, Kastler dropped off her 2012 Hyundai Accent at a British port on May 23.

The car has been missing since. "It's ridiculous," said Kastler, who was promised delivery by July 17. "I feel it's kind of like a betrayed trust."

Mounting anger and frustration with IAL have led military personnel and their spouses to start a Facebook page where they can vent their rage about IAL's shortcomings, compare information on missing vehicles and display photos of damaged cars and trucks.

An online petition accessible via the Facebook page seeks the revocation of the IAL contract. It had collected 1,230 signatures as of Saturday morning.

PACIFIC

'Adult issues' prompt training for DODEA staff

Seoul school employees required to attend sessions on communications and conflict management

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Staff at Seoul's three Department of Defense Educational Activity schools will undergo communication and conflict management training in response to what the top education official in the Pacific called the "adult issues" which bred so much employee dissension that it affected student morale and performance.

DODEA Pacific Director Dr. Linda Curtis announced the three-day training in June to employees at the elementary, middle and high schools. She asked Seoul American High School staff in a letter to "put personality and leadership style issues aside for the sake of the students."

"On the part of students and staff, there is a general sense of fear or unease and lack of effective communication at every level," the letter said. "Students report they have lost their purpose, that they are unchallenged, and that a number of staff are unapproachable or uncaring. None of this is acceptable."

Personnel at the Yongsan elementary, middle and high schools, along with some district office staff, will attend full-day training sessions Wednesday through Friday, DODEA Pacific spokesman Charly Hoff said. DODEA turned down a request by Stars and Stripes to sit in, saying the sessions were for employees only.

Hoff said Curtis' statement about student performance being negatively affected by problems at the school "simply reiterated what we know from research and experience: Students perform better in positive learning environments backed by caring communities."

'What the team (steering committee) learned is that the many positives of SAHS are being clouded over by adult issues that are negatively impacting students, and their performance.'

Dr. Linda Curtis
DODEA Pacific director

June that DODEA would implement an "action plan" to address issues at the schools. Hoff said that while there is no formal written plan, a steering committee of parents, educators and other stakeholders was

formed near the end of the last school year to oversee improvement efforts.

He said the DODEA Pacific Area Office and the Korea District Superintendent's Office will continue monitoring the situation.

While DODEA would not go into specifics, Curtis' decision followed months of wide-ranging complaints from parents and teachers in town hall meetings, letters, visits by DODEA leaders and anonymous comments in the military's Interactive Customer Evaluation system.

Many seemed to focus on what some have described as heavy-handed administration at the high school. They culminated in a May visit to Seoul by three Okinawa-based DODEA officials, who interviewed approximately 35 parents, teachers and students.

A survey conducted then by the officials named problems including a lack of communication in a professional manner by stakeholders, including parents and teachers; teachers who were perceived to be "collecting a paycheck" instead of providing challenging classroom instruction; low morale and school spirit; frustration and distrust; and interpretation of policies differently at each school.

"What the team learned is that the many positives of SAHS are being clouded over by adult issues that are negatively impacting students, and their performance," Curtis'

letter said. "Those who remain focused on doing what is right for students deserve our praise and recognition. Instead, adult issues have clouded positive achievement, jumped the school walls and now involve the greater school community, thus negatively impacting both the school and DODEA mission."

Another letter from Curtis, sent June 4 to Seoul American Middle School employees, was less negative in tone and encouraged better communication with the other schools. However, it also appeared to chide them for contributing to dissension within the Seoul education complex.

"Interpreting DODEA policy in a way that favors SAMS (System for Award Management), but causes ill will or difficulty at the other schools is counterproductive. Not squelching rumors or gossip is the same as perpetuating it; so do unprofessional comments with parents and colleagues. I know you are above this," the letter said.

Stars and Stripes obtained copies of the two letters, although DODEA declined to provide them, saying they were meant only for internal communication. A third letter was sent to Seoul American Elementary School.

One SAHS teacher, who spoke on condition of anonymity citing fear of retribution, said teachers were offended by the letter because they felt it put all of the blame on them and none on the administration.

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S. Korea, US begin Ulchi Freedom Guardian drills

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SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. and South Korea kicked off their annual summer war games Monday following a weekend of increased bluster from North Korea.

Approximately 50,000 South Korean troops and 30,000 U.S. troops are taking part in this year's computer simulation Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise, according to South Korea's Ministry of National Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff. Of the American participants, some 3,000 are from the mainland U.S. and other overseas locations.

The exercise will end on Aug. 29, according to U.S. Forces Korea.

While exercises are often announced in advance, the first official mention of the drill from the U.S. side came late Monday afternoon in a press release.

"UFG is routine and defense-oriented, designed to enhance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula," the press release said. "UFG is planned months in advance and it is not connected to any current world events."

All branches of the South Korean military will participate, along with South Korean government representatives and 10 United Nations Command states — Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and the

United Kingdom.

North Korea has been notified of the UFG dates and the "routine, defensive nature of the exercise," according to the press release.

North Korea started firing off rockets on Thursday — the same day Pope Francis arrived in Seoul for a five-day visit to the peninsula.

While USFK typically highlights the routine nature of the yearly exercise, Pyongyang views UFG as preparation for invasion and usually responds with threats and warnings. However, North Korea later claimed the launches commemorated the 69th anniversary of Korean independence from Japan, according to The Associated Press.

On Sunday, the North's official Korean Central News Agency denounced the exercise and threatened a "merciless preemptive strike" that would turn U.S. and South Korean bases into "a sea of flames and ashes." The MND responded with a vow to counteract any provocation, and said the nation was stepping up its monitoring capabilities and defensive posture during the war games.

Along with the war exercise, the South Korean government on Monday kicked off a four-day emergency drill involving public agencies across the country, the JCS said. The drill is intended to test the government's ability to respond to provocations from the North and to terrorist attacks.

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Above: South Korean army soldiers take part Monday in an anti-terrorism exercise as part of Ulchi Freedom Guardian in Seoul, South Korea.

Left: A South Korean soldier runs with his weapon as part of the drills.

Photos by Ann Young-soon/AP

MILITARY

Navy captain sues after daughter's therapy is denied

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

A Navy captain and his wife are suing the Defense Department on behalf of their daughter after the military's family health care provider upheld a decision to deny payment for years of physical therapy.

Capt. Mark Samuels and Jennifer Samuels are asking a Dallas federal court to force the Defense Health Agency to pay for horse-assisted therapy, which they argue is the only therapy that Kaitlyn Samuels, 17, has positively responded to after years of clinical therapy.

Kaitlyn suffers from two extensive brain disorders and neuromuscular scoliosis, which curves her spine from side-to-side.

Without treatment, the latter disorder would cause Kaitlyn's ribs to compress into her internal organs until death, according to the complaint.

"Jennifer Samuels has three simple wishes for her daughter, Kaitlyn: that she learn to say a few words, take a few steps unassisted, and curl the food from her plate onto her spoon," according to the complaint filed Friday.

The Samuels family's battle with the health agency formerly known as Tricare began in June 2010, when the agency notified them that about one year of claims were being retroactively denied because Kaitlyn was receiving "unproven treatment."

Samuels appealed and was granted an administrative hearing in February 2012. Tricare argued that Kaitlyn was using hippotherapy, which was not covered by the family's policy.

"There is really one simple truth here, and it's just a lack of reliable evidence under Tricare establishing hippotherapy as a proven treatment," agency counsel Michael Bibbo said at the hearing.

Samuels' attorney argued that hippotherapy is a catch-all term for a number of differing therapies. Samuels was employing a licensed physical therapist who used the horse to increase Kaitlyn's joint flexibility and coordination.

Kaitlyn's physical therapist testified she has not responded to exercise balls and other devices used in clinics, but that using a horse kept her engaged. After treatment with the horse was discontinued for a time, Kaitlyn's spine curvature worsened, according to court records.

Administrative judge and hearing officer Claude Heiny found that Tricare should reimburse

Samuels for the treatment.

"It would be a waste of the Government's money to pay for therapy in a traditional setting for it would provide no benefit to the Beneficiary," Heiny wrote.

The Samuelses would have saved the government money, in comparison with traditional therapy, had Tricare accepted the claims, according to a transcript from the administrative hearing.

The same physical therapist who charged \$80 for a 30-minute session with a horse charged \$300 per session in a clinic, according to court documents.

In October 2012, Tricare set aside Heiny's findings and issued a final ruling that denied coverage and required Samuels to repay all previous reimbursements.

The federal lawsuit filed Friday asks to void that decision and require the Defense Health Agency to pay its portion of past and future treatments.

In 2013, the Samuels family created The Kaitlyn Foundation to support special needs children in military families who use horses for their physical therapy.

Capt. Mark Samuels retired from active duty in 2013 after serving as commanding officer of Navy Operational Support Center Fort Worth.

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Navigation training

Above: Civil Air Patrol cadets conduct basic navigation training in the forest near Landstuhl, Germany, on Thursday during a weeklong encampment that's a requirement to become an officer in the CAP cadet program, a U.S. Air Force auxiliary for youth aged 12-21. Nine cadets from around Europe attended the training. Left: CAP cadets Airman 1st Class Tyler Grover, left, and Airman 1st Class Logan Pfeiffer learn how magnetic compasses react when pushed close together.

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CRISIS IN IRAQ

US airpower against Islamic State limited

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is under pressure from defense hawks to greatly expand the U.S. bombing campaign against Islamic State militants who have taken over much of Iraq in recent months. But a large air operation poses many challenges and its ultimate success is totally dependent on ground forces, according to experts.

U.S. officials have described Islamic State as a sophisticated fighting force with an estimated 10,000 or more in its ranks. The

ANALYSIS group is also dispersed, having established a significant presence across northern, central and western Iraq, as well as Syria.

American strikes have temporarily thwarted Islamic State advances in northern Iraq and weakened its hold on the Mosul Dam. But to significantly degrade Islamic State from the air, the U.S. will need to bring in more firepower and greatly step up its operational tempo, according to Mark Gunzinger, an airpower expert with the nonpartisan Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

"Currently it's a very, very limited operation," Gunzinger said. "It's not really designed to attrite the [Islamic State] forces, or roll back the gains they've made."

Thus far, U.S. strikes have been focused on protecting U.S. personnel and preventing humanitarian disasters.

Rolling back Islamic State would require "a much larger force of manned and unmanned capabilities," according to Gunzinger.

He said the U.S. would have to deploy more aircraft carriers, strike planes and drones within range of areas of Islamic State for an extended period of time.

Experts say there's a wide range of potential targets that the Pentagon could try to hit, including armored vehicles, artillery, leadership, training camps, garrisons and supply lines.

Meeting force level requirements for a major air campaign against Islamic State could negatively affect missions elsewhere, especially when it comes to drones capabilities.

"It could mean retasking some assets



HENDERICK SIMMONS/Stars and Stripes

Two F/A 18 Super Hornets fly over the USS George H.W. Bush, which is underway in the Persian Gulf, as they enter the flight pattern to land on the carrier on Aug. 10

from Afghanistan. The ISR assets and the ISR strike assets are definitely something that is in short supply," according to Samuel Brannen, a drone warfare expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It is going to be challenging to maintain the pressure against all of these [terrorist] networks operating in this [area] that really stretches from Nigeria all the way to Pakistan ... So this compounds a complex global force management problem that we have."

Another challenge is basing. The U.S. military needs permission from partner governments in the region to launch airstrikes from their soil.

"It definitely makes it complicated and ...

the fact that [Pentagon officials] don't want to acknowledge which country [U.S. planes] are coming from tells you something," Brannen said.

"The political sensitivities are there and ... it's really going to come down to ... whether they continue to allow U.S. forces to operate from there and at what scale," he said.

But even with lots of aircraft and permissive basing, hitting Islamic State targets is no easy task. Brannen said finding target sets is challenging because Islamic State fighters are not massing very often.

Frederick Kagan, a military analyst at the American Enterprise Institute, said the initial round of airstrikes may have actually made a larger campaign more difficult.

"This manner of dropping a couple of bombs at a time has had the effect of telling [IS] that they need to go to ground, they need to disperse ... which they are doing," Kagan said during an AEI online chat session.

Another targeting problem is that the Islamic State is partly based in Syria.

"For the administration to take military action in Syria is actually an entirely different issue set," Brannen said. "We the United States have openly called for [Syrian President Bashar] Assad to leave power, and suddenly what we would be doing is effectively taking military action against an armed group that we may oppose in Iraq but in Syria we essentially support their aim of removing Assad from power."

Experts extolled the Air Force's surveillance and precision targeting capabilities, especially when it comes to drones. However, Islamic State may use human shields to protect themselves, according to Kagan.

Experts say that having American special operations forces on the ground gathering intelligence, calling in airstrikes, and helping the Iraqi security forces would greatly improve the effectiveness of any air campaign.

"There is a huge ability there to conduct very precise strikes" but "we need better on-the-ground understanding," Brannen said.

Experts are in near universal agreement that any air campaign will fail to roll back Islamic State unless the diminished Iraqi security forces are able to regroup and go on the offensive.

"While we can support urban warfare

by very precise strikes from the air ... the fact of the matter is to a large extent it's a ground fight," Gunzinger said.

American airpower can give the Iraqi forces an advantage, but they "would have to engage in the urban warfare" themselves, he said.

Bombing alone "would just be using airpower for airpower's sake," Brannen said. "There's no question that you could further degrade [Islamic State]. But will you actually achieve the political outcome you're looking for without some ground forces? I'd say no."

It's unclear if the Iraqi security forces will be up to the task of retaking large swathes of the country anytime soon.

Only half of the Iraqi forces that were trained and advised by the United States military are still able to conduct combat operations, according to Richard Brennan, a former Army officer and an Iraq expert at the RAND Corporation, a government-funded think tank.

Brennan said a major U.S.-led advise and assist effort, along with American airpower, is needed if the Iraqis are going to take back the territory that's been lost to IS.

But the Obama administration is very disinclined to make a major military commitment to Iraq's police, a large, extended air campaign.

"It doesn't appear like this is headed in that direction," Gunzinger said. "This is not an air campaign that's driven by military necessity and the objective of rolling back [IS] forces. It's more policy driven and very, very constrained."

Although the U.S. military stepped up its aerial attacks against Islamic State near the Mosul Dam over the weekend, the administration emphasized that this does not signal an intention to wage a broader air war.

"This mission is consistent with President Obama's directive that the U.S. military protect U.S. personnel and facilities in Iraq, since the failure of the Mosul Dam could threaten the lives of large numbers of civilians [and] threaten U.S. personnel and facilities - including the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad," National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said in a statement Sunday. "These operations are limited in nature, duration, and scope."

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Mosul: Experts say a successful ground offensive by Iraqi forces is needed

FROM FRONT PAGE

on protecting U.S. personnel in the Kurdish regional capital, Irbil, and in Baghdad.

"These military operations will be limited in their scope and duration as necessary to support the Iraqi forces in their efforts to retake and establish control of this critical infrastructure site, as part of their ongoing campaign against the terrorist group the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant," Obama said.

The Mosul Dam is essential to ensuring water supplies reach populations far beyond Mosul. If Islamic State fighters destroyed the dam, large-scale flooding would likely result, potentially reaching the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

The U.S. military used a mix of aircraft to carry out attacks on Sunday and Monday, including fighters, bombers and drones, U.S. Central Command said.

CENTCOM did not say how many bombers were used each day or where they came from,

but Sunday's deployment of such aircraft could mark the first time major land-based aircraft were brought to the operation. The U.S. maintains B-1 bombers at al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

So far, the USS George H.W. Bush, operating out of the northern Persian Gulf, has been the key launching pad for strikes. The strikes Monday damaged or destroyed nine Islamic State fighter positions, a checkpoint and assorted armed and armored vehicles, as well as a vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft artillery gun. Sunday's strikes destroyed three armed vehicles, a vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft artillery gun, an Islamic State checkpoint and an improvised explosive device emplacement, according to CENTCOM.

Since the U.S. began its air campaign more than a week ago, Kurdish fighters have been making significant gains against Islamic State fighters, who were threatening to make incursions into Iraq's

semi-autonomous Kurdish region. Initially, the strikes were aimed at breaking the militants' hold around

Mount Sinjar, where thousands of starving minority Yazidis were trapped and facing potential genocide. The strikes were by the militants. The other focus was on protecting U.S. interests around Irbil.

President Barack Obama strikes helped Kurdish fighters reclaim some towns.

The attacks around the Mosul Dam, however, signal the U.S. mission is deepening.

What comes next is unclear. The Obama administration has said

that it will consider more support to the country if a more inclusive government forms in the wake of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's pending resignation.

There is one civilian casualty, the rearming of the Iraqi army, which lost stockpiles of weapons earlier this year when it fled Islamic State fighters moving into Mosul and other parts of the country. Already, the U.S. and other nations have been supplying arms to Kurdish fighters in the north.

Military experts have cautioned that U.S. airstrikes alone aren't likely to break the Islamic State's hold on Iraq.

In dense urban populations, such as Mosul, airstrikes are unlikely to kill many civilians. Ultimately, a successful ground offensive by Iraqi forces would need to accompany airstrikes, experts say.

The U.S. has ruled out sending in ground forces to lead the fight against the Islamic State group, which in June declared it ruled

a caliphate stretching from Syria into western Iraq.

Humanitarian aid continues to flow into northern Iraq, even as the United States has called off air drops into the embattled region.

A Polish C-130 Hercules landed early Sunday morning at a secure airfield in Irbil, offloading about 16,000 pounds of food, blankets, tents, sleeping bags, mattresses and first-aid supplies, according to Polish officials.

The Polish air force trained last week with deployed U.S. airmen from Europe on air-drop techniques from C-130 aircraft. Despite the training, the Polish air force does not plan to carry out such a mission because it is "too risky," said Lt. Col. Arthur Golawski, acting spokesman for the Polish Armed Forces General Command.

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CRISIS IN IRAQ

Britain's mission in Iraq no longer just humanitarian

By DANICA KIRKA
The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain has moved past a strictly humanitarian mission in Iraq — and the country's leader warned Monday that the effort won't be over anytime soon.

Prime Minister David Cameron said the British government has "fully worked through" its strategy and stressed that troops would not get involved in another war. But he argued limited action is needed to prevent violence from being exported back to Britain's streets.

"We are not going to be putting boots on the ground," Cameron told the BBC. "We are not going to be sending in the British Army."

Cameron's remarks followed Defense Secretary Michael Fallon's comments to Royal Air Force servicemen in Cyprus suggesting that reconnaissance actions in Iraq are moving beyond easing the plight of Yazidis and other minority groups fleeing Islamic militants. He predicted such actions would go on for months.

With critics warning of mission creep, Britain's opposition Labour Party and Church of England leaders have accused the government of having no "coher-

ent or comprehensive approach" to fighting the extremists or to protecting Christians from persecution.

Cameron repeated the government's position that Britain was willing to arm the Kurdish Peshmerga forces — although they haven't yet made a request.

He said Britain should use all its assets — including diplomacy, political relationships, aid, military prowess and expertise — to help others and "to put pressure on Islamic State and make sure this terrorist organization is properly addressed and cannot cause mayhem on our own streets."

Meanwhile, Sweden said it was increasing its aid to Iraq by \$7 million to a total of \$21 million so far this year. Defense Minister Karin Enström said Sweden also will provide two transport planes to deliver humanitarian aid to those fleeing the Islamic militants.

gerian national Said Arif, who in 2013 fled house arrest in France in a stolen car and joined the al-Qaida-linked group Nusra Front in Syria.

Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, born Taha Sobhi Palaha in Syria, is the official spokesman for and a senior leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

The State Department said Arif



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Kurdish forces, known as peshmerga, stand guard near Mosul Dam at the town of Chambarakat outside Mosul, Iraq, on Sunday.

Kurds unite against extremists

Los Angeles Times

IRBIL, Iraq — One unanticipated result of the military advances by Sunni Muslim extremists in northern Iraq has been the formation of a unified opposition front composed of oft-divided Kurdish factions from three nations — Iraq, Syria and Turkey.

Last week, Massoud Barzani, president of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan region, paid a visit to fighters from the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, an unusual event since relations between the PKK and the government of Iraqi Kurdistan have long been strained. The visit came after PKK guerrillas joined with Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga forces to oust Islamic State militants from the town of Makhmour, southwest of Irbil, the capital of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan region.

During his trip to Makhmour, where the secular, leftist PKK has

a heavily defended camp, Barzani hailed PKK members as "brothers," according to a video clip circulated online. He denounced the Islamic State as a common enemy of the Kurdish people.

The PKK is regarded as a terrorist organization by two of Iraq's Kurdistan's closest allies, the United States and Turkey. But the threat of the Islamic State extremists has fostered unity between rival Kurdish groups, at least for now.

The PKK has waged a three-decade war against the Turkish government. Its battle-hardened fighters have considerably more recent combat experience than the peshmerga troops of the northern Iraqi Kurdistan region. When Islamic State fighters attacked Makhmour earlier this month, Iraqi peshmerga forces promptly withdrew — a retreat that drew condemnation from many Kurds. PKK fighters, on

the other hand, held their ground on the periphery of Makhmour.

In addition, the PKK and its Syrian Kurdish allies have played a central if largely unheralded role in rescuing tens of thousands of Iraqi Yazidis, the Kurdish-speaking religious minority group members who fled the onslaught of the Islamic State.

While U.S. airstrikes and humanitarian aid workers certainly helped the besieged Yazidis, rescued Yazidis and aid workers on the ground say the bulk of the credit should go to militiamen of the PKK's Syrian affiliate, known as the People's Protection Units.

It was the Syrian Kurdish militiamen and their allies from the PKK, along with peshmerga forces from Iraqi Kurdistan, who helped create a critical humanitarian corridor that provided Yazidis with safe passage off their mountain redoubt, according to witnesses and survivors.

US designates Islamic State's spokesman as a terrorist

By DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The spokesman for the Islamic State group, whose rapid offensive in Iraq has triggered U.S. airstrikes, was designated as a terrorist on Monday by the State Department.

The department also applied the designation to Syria-based Al-

is wanted by the French government and Interpol. He is an Algerian army officer deserter, who traveled to Afghanistan in the 1990s to do weapons and explosives training in al-Qaida camps. Arif was a suspect in al-Qaida's December 2000 plot to bomb a Christmas market in France.

In 2003, Arif was arrested and tried in France with 25 others as

part of the "Chechen Network." In 2002, the network was accused of plotting to blow up the Eiffel Tower and conduct chemical attacks and attacks on malls and police stations in France. In 2006, Arif was convicted and sentenced for his role in those plans. After his arrest, Arif publicly declared that al-Qaida was planning a chemical weapons attack on an

American military base in Spain.

The State Department's action prohibits Americans from doing business with either of the two and freezes all property they have within U.S. jurisdiction. Both recently were added to the United Nations' terrorist list, requiring all member states to impose an assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo against the two.

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Above: People protest Sunday for Michael Brown, who was killed by a police officer last Saturday in Ferguson, Mo. Left: A law enforcement officer in a tactical vehicle watches after a device was fired to disperse a crowd on Sunday.

Governor orders National Guard to Ferguson

BY NIGEL DUARA AND JIM SUHR
The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Missouri's governor on Monday ordered the National Guard to a St. Louis suburb convulsed by protests over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teen, after a night in which police used tear gas to clear protesters off the streets well ahead of a curfew.

Gov. Jay Nixon said the National Guard would help "in restoring peace and order" to Ferguson, where protests over the killing of Michael Brown, 18, by a white police officer entered their second week. Police said they acted in response to gunfire, looting, vandalism and protesters who hurled Molotov cocktails.

"These violent acts are a disservice to the family of Michael Brown and his memory and to the people of this community who yearn for justice to be served and to feel safe in their own homes," Nixon said in a statement.

As night fell in Ferguson Sunday, another peaceful protest quickly deteriorated and the streets were empty well before the midnight curfew.

"Based on the conditions, I had no alternative but to elevate the level of response," said Capt. Ron Johnson of the Missouri Highway Patrol, who is in charge of security in Ferguson. At least two people were wounded in shootings by civilians, he said.

The Justice Department already had deepened its investigation into the shooting. A day earlier, officials said 40 FBI agents were going door-to-door gathering information in the Ferguson neighborhood where Brown was shot to death Aug. 9.

Federal authorities also want to calm any public fears that no action will be taken on the case, Weinstein said.

Sunday's clashes in Ferguson erupted three hours before the curfew imposed by Nixon. Officers in riot gear ordered all the protesters to disperse, and many did, but about 100 stood about two blocks away until getting hit by another volley of tear gas.

'Don't know' if teen shot with hands up

The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — A Missouri teenager fatally shot by police suffered a bullet wound to his right arm that may indicate his hands were up or his back was turned to the shooter, but "we don't know," a pathologist hired by the teen's family said Monday.

An independent autopsy determined that Michael Brown, 18, was shot at least six times, including twice in the head, according to the family's attorneys and hired pathologists. Brown was unarmed when he was shot by a police officer Aug. 9 in Ferguson, touching off a week of rancorous protests in the St. Louis suburb.

Forensic pathologist Shawn Parcels, who assisted former New York City chief medical examiner Dr. Michael Baden during the private autopsy, said a bullet graze wound on Brown's right arm could have occurred in several ways. He said the teen may have had his back to the shooter, or he could have been facing the shooter with his hands above his head or in a defensive position.

"We don't know," Parcels said. "We still have to look at the other (elements) of this investigation before we start piecing things together."

Witnesses have said Brown had his hands raised above his head when he was repeatedly shot in a street in Ferguson, where the death has heightened racial tensions between the predomi-

nantly black community and the mostly white police department.

Family attorney Benjamin Crump said Brown's parents wanted the additional autopsy because they feared results of the county's examination could be biased. Crump declined to release copies of the report, and the county's autopsy report has not been released.

"They could not trust what was going to be put in the reports about the tragic execution of their child," he said during Monday's news conference with Parcels and Baden, who has testified in several high-profile cases, including the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

The second autopsy, Crump said, "verifies that the witness accounts were true: that he was shot multiple times."

Baden said one of the bullets entered the top of Brown's skull, suggesting his head was bent forward when he suffered that fatal injury. The pathologists said Brown, who also was shot four times in the right arm, could have survived the other bullet wounds.

Baden also said there was no gunpowder residue on Brown's body, indicating he was not shot at close range. However, Baden said he did not have access to Brown's clothing, and that it was possible the residue could be on the clothing.

Crump also noted that Brown had abrasions on his face from where he fell to the ground, but there was "otherwise no evidence of a struggle."

Protesters laid a line of cinder blocks across the street in an apparent attempt to block police vehicles, which easily plowed through. Someone set a trash bin on fire,

and the crackle of gunfire could be heard from several blocks away.

Within two hours, most people had been cleared off West Florissant Avenue, one

of the community's main thoroughfares. The streets remained quiet as the curfew began. It was to remain in effect until 5 a.m.

Earlier in the day, Johnson said he had met members of Brown's family and the experience "brought tears to my eyes and shame to my heart."

"When this is over," he told the crowd, "I'm going to go in my son's room. My black son, who wears his pants sagging, who wears his hat cocked to the side, got tattoos on his arms, but that's my baby."

Johnson added: "We all need to thank the Browns for Michael. Because Michael's going to make it better for our sons to be better black men."

Talking on ABC's "Good Morning America" Monday, Michael Brown's mother said Johnson gave her a heartfelt message that he was sorry.

"Like everyone else, he is supporting, and hoping and praying this doesn't happen again," Lesley McSpadden said.

The protests have been going on since Brown's death heightened racial tensions between the predominantly black community and the mostly white Ferguson Police Department, leading to several run-ins between police and protesters and prompting Nixon to put the state highway patrol in charge of security.

Ferguson police waited six days to publicly reveal the name of the officer and documents alleging Brown robbed a convenience store shortly before he was killed. Police Chief Thomas Jackson said the officer did not know Brown was a robbery suspect when he encountered him walking in the street with a friend.

The officer who shot Brown has been identified as Darren Wilson, a six-year police veteran who had no previous complaints against him. Wilson has been on paid administrative leave since the shooting, and the department has refused to comment on his whereabouts.



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FBI Director James Comey, left, speaks to the media with U.S. attorney David J. Hickton at the bureau's Pittsburgh headquarters on July 30. Comey said the office is being rewarded with more manpower, based on its recent success in fighting computer-based crime.

Elite cybersquad to add agents

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The FBI's premier cybersquad has focused attention on computer-based crime in recent months by helping prosecutors charge five Chinese army intelligence officials with stealing trade secrets from major companies and by snaring a Russian-led hacking ring that pilfered \$100 million from bank accounts worldwide.

Because of the Pittsburgh squad's success, the FBI is rewarding the office with more manpower, allowing it to take on even more cyberthreats.

"Where there's great work going on, invest in it," FBI Director James Comey said while visiting Pittsburgh two weeks ago.

The Pittsburgh cybersquad's growth makes it more likely it will become involved in cases that

FBI takes initiative

Because of security concerns, the FBI won't say how many agents are in the Pittsburgh cyber office or specify how many agents will be added. However, the bureau's 2014 budget includes 152 new cybercrime positions, including 50 agents and 50 computer scientists, as part of the agency's "Next Generation Cyber" initiative. In fiscal 2015, which begins Oct. 1, the FBI hopes to maintain about 750 cyberagents across the country.

could redefine the legal concepts of privacy and other civil rights, said Bruce Antkowiak, a former Pittsburgh federal prosecutor who

teaches law at St. Vincent College.

People using the Internet "understand that you are assessing to the world so much of your personal information," Antkowiak said. "But that cannot mean, in a society that holds itself to be free, that we no longer have privacy."

Special-Agent-in-Charge Scott S. Smith said Pittsburgh's squad has developed "a model approach to investigating and preventing cybercrime" in partnership with U.S. Attorney David Hickton, tech businesses and academics, such as the computer science experts at Carnegie Mellon University.

In Pittsburgh, such networking resulted in Scottish cyberterrorist Adam Stuart Busby being indicted on charges of emailing bomb threats to the University of Pittsburgh in the spring of 2012. Those charges are pending.

Report: Cost to raise a child tops \$245,000

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A child born in 2013 will cost a middle-income American family an average of \$245,340 until he or she becomes an adult, with families living in the Northeast taking on a greater burden, according to a report out Monday.

Those costs — food, housing, childcare and education — rose 1.8 percent over the previous year, the Agriculture Department's new "Expenditures on Children and Families" report said. As in the past, families in the urban Northeast will spend more than families in the urban South and rural parts of the U.S., or roughly \$282,480.

When adjusting for projected

inflation, the report found that a child born last year could cost a middle-income family an average of about \$304,480.

The USDA's annual report, based on the government's Consumer Expenditure Survey, found families were consistent in how they spent their money across all categories from 2012 to 2013. The costs associated with pregnancy or expenses accumulated after a child becomes an adult, such as college tuition, were not included.

In 1960, the first year the report was issued, a middle-income family could spend about \$25,230, equivalent to \$198,560 in 2013 dollars, to raise a child until the age of 18.

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Emerging solar plant scorches birds

The Associated Press

IVANPAH DRY LAKE, Calif. — Workers at a state-of-the-art solar plant in the Mojave Desert have a name for birds that fly through the plant's concentrated sun rays — "streamers," for the smoke plume that comes from birds that ignite in midair.

Federal wildlife investigators who visited the BrightSource Energy plant last year and watched as birds burned and fell, reporting an average of one "streamer" every two minutes, are urging California officials to halt the operator's application to build a still-bigger version.

The investigators want the halt until the full extent of the deaths can be assessed. Estimates per year now range from a low of about a thousand by BrightSource to 28,000 by an expert for the Center for Biological Diversity environmental group.

The deaths are "alarming. It's hard to say whether that's the location or the technology," said Garry George, renewable-energy director for the California chapter of the Audubon Society. "There needs to be some caution."

The bird kills mark the latest instance in which the quest for clean energy has inadvertent environmental harm. Solar farms have been criticized for their impacts on desert tortoises, and wind farms have killed birds, including numerous raptors.

"We take this issue very seriously," said Jeff Holland, a spokesman for NRG Solar of Carlsbad, Calif., the second of the three companies behind the plant. The third, Google, deferred comment to its partners.

The \$2.2 billion plant, which launched in February, is at Ivanpah Dry Lake near the California-Nevada border.

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2 dead, 2 hurt in Ark. freight train collision

An investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board said a collision in northeast Arkansas involved a train with two locomotives and 86 cars and another with two locomotives and 92 cars.

Investigator Michael Hiller said the first train was northbound on a single main track early Sunday when a southbound train collided with it. He said they were on the same track.

State police have said two Union Pacific train crewmembers were killed and two others were injured. Hiller said the cause of the accident has not been determined.

Video shows attack on ranger in Philly park

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia police are investigating a video that shows a skateboarder kicking a city park ranger while others stand by laughing at Love Park, the city's internationally renowned shredding spot.

Witness Mariano Verrico of Essex Fells, N.J., told WU-TV he took the video on Friday. He said the park ranger warned several young men that they had to stop skateboarding in the park because there were too many children in the area. Verrico said the ranger "got kicked in the head repeatedly and spit on."

The city renovated the park in 2002 and reopened it with a permanent ban on skateboarding.

Police: Boy says online threats were prank

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — A 15-year-old boy arrested Sunday on suspicion of posting online threats to shoot students at Southern California schools apparently did so as a prank, Los Angeles County sheriff's officials said.

"The teen who was arrested after investigators served a search warrant at his home, wrote the posts to get a reaction from his friends, officials said. The suspect 'actually had no intention of carrying out these threats,'" Deputy Sheriff John Dulin said at a news conference. "We still take it very seriously."

The posts, which have since been removed, included photos of guns, dead bodies and a sign for a Valencia High School, Lt. Brenda Cambrá said.

Father of abducted girls feels sorry for suspects

OSWEGATCHIE, N.Y. — The father of two Amish girls abducted in northern New York last week said he feels sorry for the two people accused of kidnapping and sexually abusing his daughters.

The parents of the 7- and 12-year-old sisters spoke to the Johnson Newspapers at their home in Oswegatchie on Sunday, two days after Stephen Howe Jr. and Nicole Vaisey were charged with kidnapping with the intent to physically or sexually abuse the girls.

The father said it's sad that the two suspects "must have ruined their whole life." The mother said she is grateful to have her girls back home, but daily life has not yet returned to normal.

From The Associated Press



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GOP Arizona congressional candidate Adam Kwassman faces Arizona House Speaker Andy Tobin and rancher Gary Keine in the Aug. 26 primary. The winner will face Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick in the fall.

Establishment on roll in GOP House primaries

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans got their man — and woman — in a half-dozen House primaries as establishment conservatives knocked out right-flank candidates, improving the party's chances of winning in competitive congressional districts and increasing its majority in November.

With little fanfare, GOP party favorites prevailed in New York, Iowa, New Jersey and Virginia as the outcome in House contests mirrored the headline-grabbing Republican dynamic in the Senate, where incumbents and establishment-backed candidates beat back tea party-supported challenges in the primaries.

House Republicans want to boost their numbers above the current 234-199 advantage, and Arizona poses the next test of whether the GOP can extend its establishment streak ahead of midterm elections.

In the state's 1st Congressional District, broke geographically than the state of Pennsylvania, a bruising, three-way primary pits House Speaker Andy Tobin against businessman and rancher Gary Keine, who had to apologize for saying Democrats pulled the trigger in most of the nation's mass shootings, and state lawmaker Adam Kwassman, who mistakenly identified YMCA campers as young refugees from Central America.

The winner of the Aug. 26 primary will face Democratic Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, who won a House seat in 2008, lost it in the 2010 tea party wave and then prevailed by 9,180 votes in 2012. She speaks Apache and some Navajo in a district where 24 percent of voters are American Indian.

Tobin, 56, has the backing of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Mitt Romney, Barry Goldwater Jr., and plenty of mayors, supervisors and sheriffs.

Tea party-backed Kwassman, 31, dismisses his rivals for their ties to the establishment and wealth, and maintains he will be his own man in Washington, in the mold of conservatives such as Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul.

"I don't answer to elephants. I don't answer to donkeys. I answer to the people," said Kwassman, who announced a week and a half before the primary that he has a form of slow-growing blood cancer.

Kiehne seeks to highlight his status as an outsider; he promises to make border security a top priority.

In the meantime, the GOP is upbeat about its candidates in New York, State lawmaker Lee Zeldin faces six-term Democratic Rep. Tim Bishop, on the eastern end of Long Island. Along the northern border, 30-year-old Elise Stefanik, who worked in George W. Bush's administration, hopes to win the seat held by retiring Democratic Rep. Bill Owens.

The Associated Press

House Democrats' campaign arm has \$57M banked

WASHINGTON — House Democrats' uphill effort to oust Republicans from their majority is sitting on a \$56.7 million pile of cash heading into what is shaping up to be a costly fall election season, campaign officials said Monday. House Republicans again lagged in fundraising but reported \$47.5 million saved and ready for ads.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee reported raising \$11.5 million in July, and a record \$7 million of that came from online donors. The National Republican Congressional Committee raised \$8 million in July.

As Congress prepared to leave Washington for its August recess, Democratic fundraisers told donors that House Republicans were laying the groundwork to impeach President Barack Obama, still a popular figure among Democratic donors. House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, called that criticism bogus, but Democrats hammered

that notion in near-constant fundraising messages.

Combined, the two party-aligned campaign committees have now raised almost \$246 million for elections that are unlikely to tip the balance of power on Capitol Hill.

Both parties are already spending that cash on ads in some districts and will expand their advertising blitz in coming weeks. House Republicans have reserved more than \$30 million in ad time. Democrats have booked \$44 million.

Despite heavy spending, Republicans are expected to hold onto their House majority after November's elections due in large part to redrawn congressional districts that have left few competitive races. At the same time, the party that controls the White House typically loses seats at this point in a presidency, and Obama remains deeply unpopular in many parts of the country.

Republicans hold 234 seats and Democrats have 199. There are two vacancies.

Weight given '72 case could affect gay-marriage rulings

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A whole lot of judges who are being asked to decide whether states may ban same-sex couples from marrying think the Supreme Court clearly gave them the answer last year: no.

But a few judges think the Supreme Court provided the answer more than 40 years ago: yes.

That reading comes from a 2013 dissenting opinion in a court case issued in a 1972 case, *Baker v. Nelson*, in which there was no "substantial federal question" in a state's decision to ban same-sex marriages.

The dismissal of that long-ago case might be the reason that same-sex marriage supporters see their winning streak in federal courts come to an end.

And it could give lower court judges, who know the ultimate answer on same-sex marriage will come from the Supreme Court, a way to uphold voter-approved state bans without deciding the thorny constitutional questions that accompany the issue.

A Tennessee state judge recently cited *Baker* in a limited decision that upheld Tennessee's refusal to acknowledge same-sex marriage conducted where they are legal.

More important, the pivotal judge on a three-member appeals court panel reviewing decisions that struck down restrictive laws in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky questioned lawyers extensively about whether *Baker* precluded the panel from decid-

ing the merits of the cases.

A decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit to uphold the laws would create a conflict with two other appeals courts that have found state bans unconstitutional and almost surely force the Supreme Court to settle the issue sooner rather than later.

The case started in 1970, when Richard Baker and James Michael McConnell, gay activists at the University of Minnesota, applied for and were denied a marriage license. (It wasn't just a test; their relationship lasted.) They sued, and the Minnesota Supreme Court made short work of rejecting their claim: that the state law limiting marriage to people of the opposite sex violated the U.S. Constitution's protection of the fundamental right to marry.

The American Civil Liberties Union asked the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene, but the justices needed neither briefing nor oral argument to turn down the request.

The appeal is dismissed for want of a substantial federal question" is the entirety of the court's action.

Baker was cited by opponents of same-sex marriage in the two cases the Supreme Court decided in 2013. To no avail, however, got short shrift. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg told the lawyer representing defenders of California's state constitutional amendment limiting marriage to a man and a woman that the short opinion in *Baker* makes no other developments in the law.

WORLD

China and Russia to drill amid better ties

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEN
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Russian army helicopters have landed in northern China to take part in multinational anti-terrorism drills, underscoring continuing close ties between Beijing and Moscow despite tensions with the West over Ukraine.

Eight transport choppers landed Sunday night at Zhuribe, China's largest and most modern training base, in the vast grasslands of Inner Mongolia, China's official Xinhua News Agency said Monday.

China and Russia have set aside their former Cold War rivalry and competition for regional influence to challenge the global order dominated by the United States and its allies in the West.

Western sanctions imposed on Russia over its annexation of Crimea and support for insurgents in eastern Ukraine are seen as drawing Moscow and Beijing closer, providing Russia with diplomatic cover and China with stronger leverage to acquire Russian natural resources.

Symbolic of Moscow's moves toward Beijing is a \$400 billion deal signed in June to supply China with natural gas through a new pipeline. The deal came after decades of negotiations that went nowhere, with China reportedly receiving more favorable financial terms than Russia had initially been prepared to offer.

While urging negotiations to settle the Ukraine crisis, China has refrained from joining in the criticisms of Russia leveled by Washington and its European allies, including over the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over Ukraine in July.

China, Beijing officially eschews military alliances, it has conducted a series of drills with Russian forces, sometimes under the auspices of the six-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organization, or SCO, a Central Asian grouping that is dominated by China and Russia and aims to challenge U.S. influence in Asia.

Russia is dispatching about 900 troops to take part in next week's "Peace Mission-2014" drills, which will involve more than 7,000 personnel, Xinhua said.



PAVEL GOLOVIN/AP

Trucks in a Russian aid convoy destined for Ukraine travel on a road to Donetsk on Sunday. Separately, the Ukrainian government has claimed that pro-Russia rebels in Ukraine fired on a convoy of civilians fleeing the fighting.

Ukraine: Rebels fired on civilians fleeing fighting

BY NATALIYA VASILYEVA
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine claimed Monday that pro-Russia rebels fired rockets and mortars on a convoy of civilians who were trying to flee from the intense fighting in eastern Ukraine.

"Many people were killed, among them women and children," Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, said at a briefing. He did not say how many people or vehicles were in the convoy.

The barrage took place between the towns of Khryshchuvate and Novosvitivka, which lie on the main road leading to Russia from the besieged rebel-held city of Luhansk.

Lysenko gave no further details and there was no immediate comment on his statement from the rebels.

That road is likely the one that a convoy of Russian humanitarian aid would take if Ukraine allows it into the country. The hard-city of Luhansk is said to be where the aid is most needed.

Fighting across eastern Ukraine has forced nearly 344,000 people to flee their homes, according to U.N. figures released Friday. The U.N. says about 155,800 have left for other places inside Ukraine while 188,000 more have crossed into Russia.

The flow of refugees only seems to be growing. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said more than 22,000 people fled Donetsk last week compared with 6,200 the week before.

City officials have released even higher numbers. Donetsk, the largest Ukrainian city still under rebel control, has seen at least 300,000 of its pre-war population of 1 million leave their homes, while Luhansk has only 250,000 of its 420,000 people left, local authorities have said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, which is to take responsibility for the Russian aid convoy when it enters Ukraine, has demanded security guarantees from all sides, including the rebels, for the mission into eastern Ukraine. As of Monday, there was

no indication that the guarantees had been given.

Russia's foreign minister said he expects the Russian humanitarian aid mission for eastern Ukraine to enter the country in the near future.

Speaking Monday at news conference in Berlin, where he met a day earlier with his counterparts from Ukraine, France and Germany, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said all questions regarding the mission had been answered and that an agreement had been reached with Ukraine and the ICRC.

It was not clear if Lavrov was referring to the security guarantees.

The humanitarian aid convoy of more than 200 trucks from Russia has been watched with suspicion by Ukraine and Western countries, especially since Ukrainian forces have been winning back significant territory from the rebels in the last few weeks. They suggest it could be used by Russia to send help into the separatists — or to delay the government's advances with a timely cease-fire.

Pope leaves S. Korea after urging peace

SEOUL, South Korea — Pope Francis wrapped up his first trip to Asia on Monday by challenging Koreans — from the North and the South — to reject the "mind-set of suspicion and confrontation" that clouds their relations and find new ways to forge peace on the war-divided peninsula.

Before boarding a plane back to Rome, the pope held a Mass of reconciliation at Seoul's main cathedral, attended by South Korean President Park Geun-hye as well as some North Korean defectors. It was the final event of a five-day trip that confirmed the importance of Asia for this papacy and for the Catholic Church as a whole, given the church is young and growing here whereas it is withering in traditionally Christian lands in Europe.

Philippines to protest Chinese sea patrols

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines says it will file a new diplomatic protest for frequent patrols by Chinese ships in the South China Sea within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone, which extends out 200 nautical miles.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Charles Jose said Monday that Chinese "illegitimate sovereignty patrols" in Philippine waters were part of Beijing's efforts to change the status quo in the South China Sea in violation of the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Earthquake hits remote area in southwest Iran

TEHRAN, Iran — A strong, magnitude-6.2 earthquake jolted a sparsely populated mountainous province near Iran's border with Iraq on Monday, Iranian state television reported.

There were no reports of fatalities but a local official said some 60 people have been injured and that the tremor had caused widespread damage.

The TV said the quake hit the town of Murrmuti, about 310 miles southwest of the capital, Tehran, at 7:02 local time. It said the quake happened at the depth of 6.2 miles.

Paris police: Robbers steal Saudi prince's car

PARIS — Paris police said armed robbers ambushed and stole a car belonging to a Saudi prince at a highway interchange on the northern edge of the French capital.

A police official said Monday that there were no injuries in the attack Sunday night by multiple assailants. The official was not authorized to be publicly named, according to police rules. The official would not name the prince or say whether he was in the car.

French newspaper Le Parisien and Europe-1 radio reported that large sums of cash were also stolen from the car, part of a convoy en route to Paris' Le Bourget airport. The reports said the Saudi passengers were left unharmed on the side of the road.

From The Associated Press

Assange statement on leaving embassy causes confusion

The Associated Press

LONDON — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange sowed confusion Monday with an announcement that appeared to indicate he was leaving his embassy but hole, but his spokesmen later clarified that would not happen unless the impasse over his extradition were resolved.

Assange made the cryptic comments during a press conference at the Ecua-

dorean Embassy in London following a meeting with Ricardo Patino, the Latin American nation's foreign minister. When asked about speculation — that the 43-year-old Australian was ready to leave the embassy to seek medical treatment, Assange declined to answer directly, instead pointing to Kristinn Hrafnsson, the WikiLeaks spokesman, who was in the back of the room.

"He said I can confirm that I am leaving the embassy soon, but perhaps

not for the reasons that (news media) are saying," Assange said.

Leaving the embassy would be a big move for Assange, who has remained trapped in the building since he sought refuge there more than two years ago.

Assange is seeking to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted over sex crimes allegations, or the United States, where authorities are investigating his spectacular disclosures of secret information.



Assange

WORLD

Talks on Gaza truce falter as deadline looms

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
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The Associated Press

CAIRO — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators in Egypt-mediated Gaza truce talks hardened their positions Monday ahead of the expiration of a five-day cease-fire, though both sides appeared reluctant to return to the deadly all-out fighting that has destroyed large parts of the densely-populated coastal strip.

The monthlong Israel-Hamas war has killed more than 1,900 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, according to Palestinian and U.N. officials. Israel has lost 67 people, all but three of them soldiers.

Since last week, indirect talks have been taking place in Cairo through Egyptian mediators in an effort to broker a substantive end to the war and draw up a road map for Gaza.

On Sunday, Palestinian and Israeli delegations resumed the talks following weekend consultations across the Middle East but gaps between the two sides remain wide, with each staking out maximalist positions.

The Gaza blockade, imposed by Israel and Egypt since the Hamas militants took control of the strip in 2007, remains the main stumbling block.

It has greatly limited the movement of



NASSER SHIYOUNKI/AP

Palestinians inspect the rubble of the house of Hussam Kawasma after it was demolished by the Israeli army in the West Bank city of Hebron on Monday.

Palestinians in and out of the territory of 1.8 million people, restricted the flow of goods into Gaza and blocked virtually all exports.

A Palestinian negotiator, Qais Abdul Karim, told The Associated Press that on Sunday, Israel pressed for guarantees that Hamas and other militant factions in Gaza would be disarmed, while the Palestinians demanded an end to the blockade without preconditions.

The current five-day cease-fire ends at midnight Monday, but Ziad Nakhleh, head of the Islamic Jihad faction within the Palestinian delegation in Cairo, said he expects it to be extended if a deal is not reached by then.

"The war is behind us now," he told the AP. "We are not returning to war."

Karim said Egyptian mediators have

pressed the Palestinians to present compromise proposals on the border crossing issue. The Palestinian delegation was in a meeting in the early hours Monday over it but the outcome was not immediately known.

In a possible move to pressure Hamas to soften its positions on the blockade and related issues, Norway's foreign minister said Monday that his country and Egypt are planning to co-host a donor conference in Cairo for the reconstruction of Gaza.

Boerge Brende said invitations will be sent out once there is an agreement in the Egypt-mediated truce talks with Israel.

Also on Monday, Israeli troops demolished the homes of two militants suspected in the abduction and killing of three Israeli teenagers whose deaths sparked the war in Gaza, and sealed up the home of a third.

Reports: Militants kill Syrian tribesmen

By BASSEM MROUE
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The extremist Islamic State group has shot and beheaded hundreds of tribesmen from eastern Syria over the past two weeks after crushing an uprising they led amid the country's civil war, activists said Monday.

The killing of members of the Shueitat tribe come as Islamic State group fighters close in on the last government-held army base in the region. Syrian warplanes bombed the extremists' positions Monday in an attempt to halt their advance.

A Turkey-based activist who is originally from Deir el-Zour and is in contact with people in the province told The Associated Press that as many as 200 members of the Shueitat tribe have been killed by Islamic State members. On Saturday, the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the death toll among the tribesmen at 700.

The activist speaking on condition of anonymity

spoke on condition of anonymity for fear that family members in Syria might be harmed.

"They considered all members of the Shueitat tribe apostates because they rose against them. Some men were taken out in the fields and beheaded, while others were shot in the head,"

The Islamic State has declared a self-styled caliphate in territory it controls along the Iraqi-Syrian border, imposing a harsh interpretation of Islamic law. They have executed hundreds of people in Iraq and Syria over the past two months, including some who were beheaded. Their heads were later displayed in a public square in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa.

The group is now close to closing in on the Tabqa air base, the last position held by Syrian government troops in Raqqa province.

The observatory reported intense clashes Monday between troops and Islamic State fighters on the edge of the villages of Ajil and Khazna near the base. It said there were casualties on both sides.

The Raqqa Media Center, an activist collective, said Islamic State group fighters captured four villages near the air base, including Ajil.

The Observatory and RMC also reported intense air raids for the second day on Raqqa's provincial capital.

Twin protests disrupt life in Pakistan's capital

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Twin protests demanding the Pakistani government step down have wreaked havoc in the capital, Islamabad, where commuters must circumvent shipping containers and barbed wire to get to work, protesters knock on people's doors to use the bathroom and garbage is piling up.

"People are talking of revolution but [they] don't care about the difficulties we are facing due to this situation," said Zafar Habib, 56, a government employee in Islamabad.

Tens of thousands of people have descended on the capital in recent days, answering the call from cricket-star-turned-politician Imran Khan and anti-government cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri to push for the government's ouster. Both claim widespread fraud in the May 2013 vote and want new elections, something the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is not likely to concede.



B.K. BANGASH/AP

Supporters of Pakistani anti-government cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri block a corridor to rest in a closed main business hub of Islamabad on Monday.

Both Khan and Qadri have vowed to remain in the streets with their supporters until Sharif leaves office, raising fears of

political instability in the nuclear-armed nation, which saw its first democratic transfer of power only last year.

The protests have strained the city of roughly 17 million inhabitants, many of whom work for the government, embassies or nongovernmental organizations.

The difficulties began last Wednesday, when the government started to beef up security, and show no sign of letting up in the next few days.

Residents say protesters — mostly women — knock on their doors early in the morning, hoping to use their bathrooms.

"This is frustrating," said Sajid Khan, a real estate agent. "I and other residents were trying to accommodate the women but then today some men also knocked on my door."

Male protesters have also been crowding the washrooms in local mosques or simply going into the nearby forests. Garbage is beginning to pile up as well.

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"She was very frightened and very reluctant to engage, and just wanted to push people away," he said.

Fowler spent days trying to help her, bringing her things she wanted like Fanta soda.

"She eventually developed this sense that this person in the suit who's a bit scary is trying to help me," he said.

One day he brought the girl her favorite dish: cucumbers and lime. "She showed down," he said — a sign that she was on the mend.

Fowler said the girl was close to being discharged by the time he left Guinea.

Ebola health workers battle death, heat, rumors

The Associated Press

LONDON — Doctors and nurses fighting Ebola in West Africa are working 14-hour days, seven days a week, wearing head-to-toe gear in the heat of muddy clinics. Agony, death is the norm.

The hellish conditions aren't the only problem. Health workers struggle to convince patients they're trying to help them, not hurt them.

Rumors are rife that Western aid workers are importing Ebola, stealing bodies or even deliberately infecting patients. Winning trust is made harder by a full suit of hood, goggles, mask and gown that hides their faces.

"You want to say so much ... because

they're in so much pain," said nurse Monia Sayah, of Doctors Without Borders. "They suffer so much, but they can only see your eyes."

Emotional distress conspires with exhaustion and dehydration, but doctors say it's hard to stop working.

"When the need is so great, you can't justify not being there for a day or going home earlier," said Dr. Robert Fowler, who recently worked in Guinea and Sierra Leone.

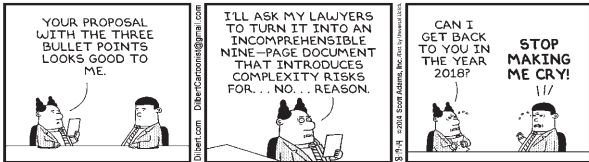
The critical care doctor at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto — now on sabbatical with the World Health Organization — said the barrier of the protective suit is big but not insurmountable.

"There was a young girl, about 6, who came in late in the illness who was bleed-

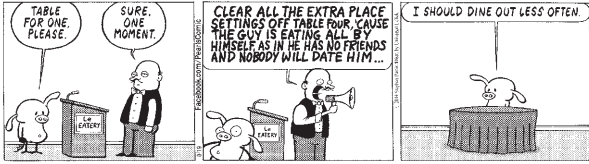
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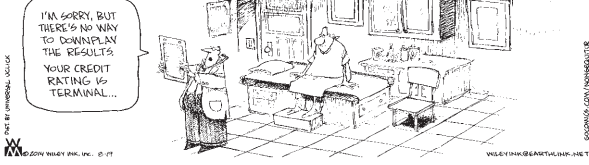
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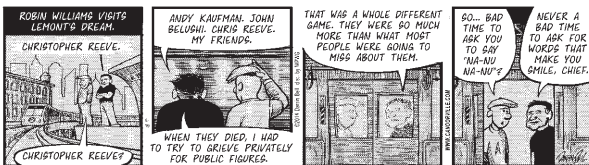
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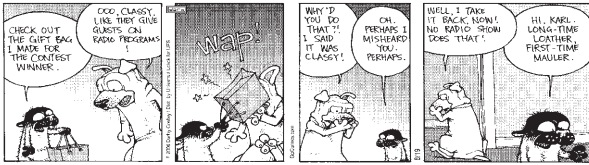
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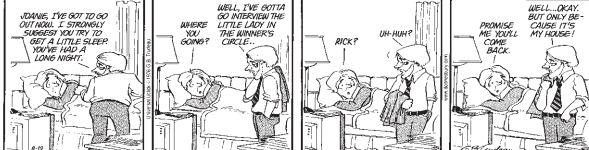
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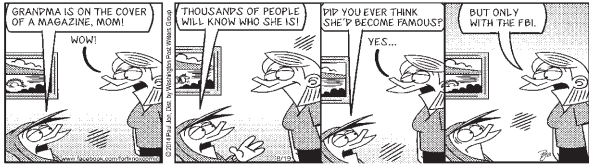
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- Piercing tool
- Anti-aircraft fire
- Always
- Homer Simpson's bartender
- Easter flower
- Huge (Pref.)
- TV show
- Obsolete
- Auto fuel
- Employ
- Coral component
- Raise an objection
- Geological period
- A very long time
- Keanu, in "The Matrix"
- Alternative to charcoal
- Obama's veep
- Officeholders
- Be unwell
- Half a clown's pair
- Extend
- Crimefighting psychologist
- gin fizz
- Mysterious character
- Vast expanse
- Burn aid
- Calendar quota
- Parched
- Tug

DOWN

- Part-timer
- Acknowledged
- Toy block name
- Sleep and rock-strewn
- Oscars' org.
- Bait, often
- Zodiac feline
- Piece of broccoli
- Rinna or Kudrow
- "Oh, woe"
- Role of football
- Mexican money
- Knock
- Coffee shop vessel
- Energy
- Bobby of hockey
- "7 Faces of Dr. —"
- "Ujalume" writer
- Conclusion
- Witness
- Heavy weight
- Navy newbie (Abbr.)
- Swipe
- Con
- Life story
- "You betcha!"
- Impressive display
- Hebrides island
- Equal
- Earthenware pot
- Middy
- Dweeb
- "Acid"

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WORLD

CREATIVE ACCOUNTING

When Mexico's tax time comes, artists get busy with the brushes

By TIM JOHNSON
McClatchy Foreign Staff

MEXICO CITY

When the taxman calls, artist Teresa Cito doesn't wince. She knows the state isn't after a single peso.

The taxman wants a donation of her artwork.

An unusual program in Mexico allows painters, sculptors and other artists to donate part of their annual production of artwork to the state in lieu of paying taxes. The program, begun in 1957, has helped the government amass a huge collection of contemporary art. It's also left artists such as Cito content, free from worry about tax forms and audits.

"I don't even have an accountant," Cito said.

The program is so simple she doesn't need one. If she sells up to five pieces in one calendar year, she donates one of equal value to the state. If she sells six to eight pieces, she donates two. The sliding scale continues until an artist gives a maximum of six pieces.

Cito, who does colorful oil paintings as well as stark chalk drawings on paper, doesn't slough off her lesser work to the state. She knows it will be exhibited, perhaps in a government ministry or museum, or a Mexican embassy abroad.

"My priority is to offer a nice piece," Cito said, praising the program known simply as Payment in Kind. "I admire it very, very, very much. The government says, 'Pay your taxes in artwork. Keep on painting.'"

Hundreds of artists take part, and it's hard to find one with even the faintest hesitation. Many hail the program as unique in the world.

"I think it's fantastic," said Naomi Siegmann, a sculptor born in New York who's lived in Mexico for five decades. Her tax payments are on display "in offices all over the country, government offices as well as public buildings."

Siegmann said she got a thrill when she saw one of her pieces — often large hyper-realistic objects carved in wood — gracing a public space.

"I walk in and see my work hanging or on pedestals. I think, 'How nice!'" Siegmann said, adding that she recalls seeing one in the boardroom of the Secretariat of Foreign Relations.

"Every big artist is in this program. I mean the top, top artists. It's not just the new artists, the beginners," she said.

The program is thought to have had its genesis in a 1957 encounter between a tax official and David Alfaro Siqueiros, a muralist and painter of social realism, who related how an artist friend faced jail time for not paying taxes.

"Siqueiros vehemently argued that a painter knows nothing about accounting or complications of tax law. The only thing we have, he said, are pictures, and if you like, we can pay our obligations to the government with the delivery of some paintings," the tax official and eventual diplomat, Hugo B. Margain, later wrote.

"It doesn't seem like a bad idea, I told him," Margain wrote.



Above: Teresa Cito, sitting in her Mexico City studio, praises Mexico's program in which artists like herself donate works to the state in lieu of paying taxes.

Right: Among the artwork collected by the Mexican government as tax payment is this sculpture by Pedro Friedeberg.

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SHIFTING GEARS

License to thrill required for this challenge

By JASON H. HARPER
Bloomberg News

Come September, I'll be racing against Jackie Heinricher, the former president and chief executive officer of a sustainable bamboo company who lives in Washington state. With at least 30 other competitors, we'll each be piloting \$345,000 Ferrari race cars at Watkins Glen International in New York, one of the scarier tracks in the U.S.

This will be my first ever wheel-to-wheel race, and I have a feeling Heinricher is going to wallop me pretty good. Heck, they probably all will.

It is also Heinricher's first season in the Ferrari Challenge North America, an eight-race series that takes place on tracks around the U.S. and Canada. I called her to ask advice, and even over the phone I pick up signs of a good businessperson — and a racer. She's serious and highly competitive.

"I don't think most people know how difficult racing is," Heinricher said. "Driving a Ferrari for 35 minutes requires intense endurance." Her first race was in January at Daytona International Speedway in Florida, where she got to "more than 185 miles per hour on the banking." Um, wow.

Heinricher has entered the world of "gentlemen" racing, in which nonprofessionals drive very fast and expensive cars against one another. It isn't cheap, so drivers tend to be middle-aged and successful. Often they're businesspeople who bring their hard-charging styles to the racetrack.

The Ferrari Challenge is one of several single-model race series, where all of the cars on the field are exactly the same. Those who make it to the podium do it on the strength of their driving and not the superiority of the car.

"You're going to love it," Heinricher said. "But be prepared."

Just how does one prepare for your first race driving a 562-horsepower race car, anyhow?

"The only way to learn to race is by getting out there and doing it," said Mark Raffaui, a series director for the International Motor Sports Association, or IMSA, the sanctioning body behind the Ferrari Challenge.

"But before we give you a racing license, you need to get the driving side down first," he said, explaining that drivers must learn how to navigate around a racetrack quickly and safely. I've spent many hours on different tracks testing cars for Bloomberg



The Ferrari 458 Challenge EVO is a race car and isn't legal for the street. It has 562 horsepower and is used in the single-model Ferrari Challenge North America series, in which amateur drivers compete in an eight-race season. The race cars cost \$345,000 each.

Ferrari North America

News, so I know my way around one. But I've never had the chance to actually race.

This opportunity came after I attended the Ferrari driving school at the Formula One race-track in Austin, Texas, last year.

At the end a representative mentioned that Ferrari North America owned a Challenge race car used for publicity and marketing. Would I be interested in borrowing it for a race?

Was Enzo Ferrari Italian? Yes, please. Fine, they said, but I'd need to get my racing license first.

So I applied to IMSA, a process that includes filling out many forms, a physical and a separate medical exam called ImPACT that tests for impairment from concussions. In the forms, I listed all of driving schools I've attended and provided references from famous pros such as Hurley Haywood and David Donohue who had ridden in my right seat and didn't seem to think I was an utter idiot.

Raffaui granted my license, which arrived in the mail as a vertically oriented card the same size as a regular license, photo and all. I was suddenly very cool indeed.

"We judge applications on a

case-by-case basis," he told me later, saying that many applicants start by attending driving schools like Ferrari's or the ones founded by Skip Barber. Others hire private coaches. Once granted, the license is provisional.

"We keep an eye on you and make sure you don't get into too many incidents too soon," Raffaui said. (Even small crashes in the 458 Challenge EVO cars result in tens of thousands of dollars of damage, and most drivers are self-insured.)

During the season, it's mandatory that drivers train with a professional coach, who also attends the races.

"Most of our guys are preoccupied with business careers," Raffaui said. "They do it because it's fun, and they don't have time to be a pro, so you need a coach to help you along."

IMSA sanctions other single-marque series, including the Porsche GT3 Cup in the U.S. and Canada and the new Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America. Serious drivers sometimes move up to the bigger leagues like the Tudor United series or buy their own racing teams. Even top-tier events such as the annual 24 Hours of Le Mans have a number of gentlemen drivers participating.

"There are 11 cars in my stable which I manage and run," said Ronnie Vogel, vice president and director of motor sports at the Ferrari of Fort Lauderdale dealership in Florida. "About 30 percent of the drivers are local. The



rest are from all over the world, from Ecuador to the U.K."

As for cost, Vogel said: "Figure it's somewhere between \$350,000 and \$500,000 to race for an entire

season, not including the cost of the car. It's a big time and financial commitment for the guys, but most also say it's one of the most fun things they do all year."



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

809-pound tiger shark fed to poor, homeless

TX CORPUS CHRISTI — An 809-pound tiger shark caught in the Gulf of Mexico earlier this month has been cooked and served to more than 90 poor and homeless Texans.

Timon's Ministries in Corpus Christi set up the donation of about 75 pounds of shark meat. Executive director Kae Berry said the 12-foot, 7-inch shark was the biggest fish ever donated to the center. A volunteer chef broiled and baked the meat.

Fisherman Ryan Spring, of San Antonio, said he caught the shark after reeling it in for more than seven hours.

Berry said the volunteer chef did a great job preparing the food and "most people really enjoyed it." The center says there are enough leftovers to serve up some shark stew.

Chicago suburb names park after late soldier

IL TINLEY PARK — A Chicago suburb has dedicated a playground in honor of a soldier killed in Iraq in 2003.

The village of Tinley Park is honoring Army Staff Sgt. Michael Sutter. His family unveiled a sign at the park last week. A plaque will be installed at a later date.

Sutter graduated from Andrew High School in Tinley Park. He enlisted in the Army in 1994 — less than a year after graduation. He later joined the National Guard.

The 28-year-old died the day after Christmas 2003 after trying to defuse a homemade explosive device.

His family's longtime involvement with the park district prompted the idea of naming a park after Sutter.

Woman cited for entering giraffe pen

WI MADISON — Police said a California woman was cited after climbing into the giraffe exhibit at a Madison zoo and getting kicked in the face.

A police report says Amada Hall, 24, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., climbed over one fence and almost got over the second fence encircling the giraffe enclosure at the Henry Vilas Zoo about 5:30 p.m. Saturday. A 2-year-old, 12-foot-tall giraffe named Wally gave Hall a lick, then turned and kicked her in the face.

Zoo staff told police that giraffe are capable of killing lions, so the woman was fortunate that her injuries were not life-threatening.

She ticketed Hall for harassment of zoo animals, which has a fine of \$686.

The police report says she told officers she climbed into the exhibit because she loves giraffes.

Woman fights rescue group over dog

OH COLUMBUS — A Pennsylvania woman's four-month fight to get her dog back from a central Ohio rescue group has turned into a full-

THE CENSUS

\$3.99

The value of a bottle of wine a woman is accused of stealing to get arrested so she could see her jailed boyfriend. Alicia Walickie was charged with misdemeanor theft and freed on \$5,000 bail Friday. An arrest affidavit says police found Walickie drinking the wine Wednesday outside the Texas gas station from which it had been stolen. Police didn't say whether the woman saw her boyfriend.



MICHAEL SULLIVAN, THE (ROSEBURG, ORE.) NEWS-REVIEW/AP

Playing dirty

Danny Garrison, center, of Sutherlin, Ore., competes in a mud volleyball game Saturday at the Sutherlin Blackberry Festival in Sutherlin, Ore.

fledged legal battle and Internet war.

Veronica Covatch, of Punksutawney, Pa., has been trying to get her 5-year-old shelter back since April, when she said the dog escaped from her friend's backyard in Columbus, Ohio.

Covatch, 53, said her dog, Piper, was picked up by Franklin County Animal Control and was turned over to Central Ohio Shelter Rescue in Columbus.

The rescue group and its director, Penny Sanderbeck, argue that the dog rightfully belongs to them, and the group is accepting applications from anyone interested in adopting her.

Covatch said a microphone in Piper proves she's the owner.

Covatch filed a complaint in Franklin County Municipal Court against Sanderbeck last month.

Woman charged in suspected cancer scam

IL TROY — Southern Illinois police said a Troy woman is facing charges on suspicion of trying to scam people for money by falsely claiming she and her son had cancer.

Authorities said Melissa D. Barton, 25, was arrested Thursday at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, where she planned to board a plane to

fly to Chicago to appear on the "Dr. Phil" show.

Troy Police Chief Brad Parsons said Barton was charged with theft by deception — similar to charges filed against her Aug. 5. Parsons said she faced additional charges after a second reputed victim came forward.

Police said Barton appealed to residents for cash via social media, at a local church and in person, claiming she and her son had cancer.

Parsons said police are investigating additional leads.

Injured hiker rescued from mountain

NH JAFFREY — New Hampshire emergency officials, volunteers and conservation officers successfully rescued a Massachusetts hiker injured while descending Mount Monadnock.

New Hampshire Fish and Game conservation officers, state Mountain Patrol Rangers and Jaffrey firefighters and volunteers initiated the rescue mission after receiving an emergency call at about 9 p.m. Saturday.

The hiker reported that one of his companions had fallen and was having serious medical issues.

Rescuers reached the trio shortly after 10 p.m. halfway up

the White Cross Trail and began administering first aid to Scott Murciak, 34, of Salem, Mass. They continued to provide medical assistance while carrying Murciak to Monadnock Park headquarters, which they reached about 2 a.m.

Murciak was transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Repayment sought over living 'dead' man

OH FINDLAY — The government wants to recoup benefits paid to the daughters of an Ohio man who was declared legally dead as he stood in court providing ample evidence of his continued existence.

Donald Miller Jr. disappeared in the 1980s, and a death ruling in 1994 allowed his family to get the benefits. When Miller, 62, resurfaced, saying he had lived in other states and then returned to Ohio, the government apparently took notice.

Miller has tried unsuccessfully to undo his death. A Hancock County judge turned down the request last year, citing a three-year time limit for changing a death ruling under Ohio law, even as he acknowledged it was problematic.

Now the Social Security Administration wants his two daugh-

ters to return more than \$47,000 to cover benefits they received as teenagers, plus interest, said his ex-wife, Robin Miller. Letters about the requested repayments were sent in April, and the family was stunned, she said.

"We honestly thought he was done, dead, gone and out of our lives," she said.

2 dead after being hit by light rail train

OR GRESHAM — A light-rail train in Gresham struck and killed two people, one of whom was in a wheelchair, authorities said.

A person in a motorized mobility device exited the train with a companion at the Gresham City Hall station, the TriMet transportation agency said. The companion jumped onto the lap of the person in the wheelchair and hit the controls, propelling both of them into the gap between two train cars just as the train was leaving the station, officials said.

One person died at the scene, and the other died at a local hospital.

The victims were a 66-year-old woman and a 48-year-old man, the (Portland) Oregonian reported.

From wire reports

FACES

Cera sounds out new genre

'Juno' actor modest about his quirky, quietly launched album

By MARK KENNEDY

The Associated Press

Michael Cera released an indie folk album this month — quietly, in a way almost as unassuming as the actor himself.

"I would record a lot of the songs in the middle of the night just at home. I never thought anyone would ever listen to them," he said. "It's really nice that people are paying any attention to it because there's a lot of stuff to listen to."

The 26-year-old, whose TV and film credits include "Arrested Development," "Juno" and "Superbad," dropped the 18-song album, "true that," online on Aug. 8. He said he was "bored a few days ago" and decided to make a web page for people to check out his music. It went largely overlooked until his acting buddy Jonah Hill tweeted a link Aug. 13.

The album, which streams for free and costs \$7 to download, is made up of airy, folksy tracks, some just wordless fragments, some more fully fleshed out. Some songs are covers and others have borrowed sound, ranging from a TV reporter swearing after swallowing a bug to dialogue lifted from the 1973 film "O Lucky Man!" starring Malcolm McDowell.

"I think it has some value in that sense. It's honest. It's just an effort," Cera said, adding that he created the songs with GarageBand software. "I'm limited by many things — my abilities, my imagination and my technology."

Cera said the album's quiet launch was a nod from Beyoncé's playbook. The pop diva released a self-titled album last year without the public knowing.

"I didn't want anyone to take it seriously or think that I was taking it seriously by it being a big thing," said Cera, who sang backing vocals and played mandolin on Weezer's 2010 album, "Hurley."

"It's there now. Now people can hear the stuff I've spent time with and care about for a long time."

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VICTORIA WILL, INVISION/AP

Aduba, Janney among creative arts Emmy winners

The Associated Press

Uzo Aduba is an Emmy winner for her breakout role as a prisoner known as "Crazy Eyes" in Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black."

The series received two other awards, for casting and picture editing, at the creative arts Emmy ceremony Aug. 16 honoring technical and other achievements.

In an emotional speech, Aduba thanked her mother, who came from Nigeria "to make a better life for her family."

She also thanked producers and others for a show "that lets everyone be represented in such a beautiful way."

Aduba won as best guest actress in a comedy series for her por-

trayal of Suzanne "Crazy Eyes" Warren, while Jimmy Fallon was honored as best guest comedy actor for NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

On the drama side, guest-acting honors went to Joe Morton for ABC's "Scandal" and Allison Janney for Showtime's "Masters of Sex."

Janney thanked producers, co-stars and writers on the series, then added one more person: "The crew guy who got me a shot of bourbon before my first sex scene was extraordinarily important to me," she said.

Zach Galifianakis' interview with President Barack Obama last March on the actor-comedian's "Between Two Ferns" show on the Funny or Die website won

the Emmy for best short-format, live-action entertainment program.

Awards in other acting, writing and directing categories will be given at the Aug. 25 ceremony. Janney has a shot at another Emmy for her role in the CBS sitcom "Mom."

The biggest awards haul Aug. 16 went to NBC's "Saturday Night Live," with five trophies. Fox's "Cosmos: A SpaceTime Odyssey," a 21st-century edition of the 1980s series "Cosmos," earned four. Cable dramas "Game of Thrones" and "True Detective" and PBS' "Sherlock: His Last Vow" also picked up four honors each.

HBO received 15 creative arts Emmys, followed by NBC with



RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION/AP

Uzo Aduba shows some love for her creative arts Emmy award for outstanding guest actress in a comedy series for "Orange Is the New Black" on Aug. 16 in Los Angeles.

10; PBS with eight; Fox and Netflix with seven each; CBS with six; and ABC with five.

'TMNT' holds off 'Expendables 3'

Moviegoers continued to shell out for "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," while Sylvester Stallone's action ensemble "The Expendables 3" was easily outgunned in its debut.

The rebooted reptiles took in \$28.4 million in the film's second weekend, according to Paramount studio estimates Sunday. That far surpassed the limp \$16.2 million earned by Stallone's gang of aged but buff warriors.

The paltry, fourth-place total for "The Expendables 3" is well below the franchise's previous debuts. The last two "Expendables" opened with \$34.8 million (in August 2010) and \$28.6 million (in August 2012). The third film was the first to be rated PG-13 in the previously R-rated series, which potentially signaled a watered-down explosiveness to an audience that was largely over 25, anyway.

"Expendables 3," which features a sprawling cast of Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson and others, also leaked online before its release, potentially damaging its impact in theaters.

Instead, Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" came in second with \$24.7 million, bringing its three-week cumulative total to \$22.2 million.

The buddy comedy "Let's Be Cops," starring Jake Johnson and Damon Wayans Jr., opened in third place with \$17.7 million.

Mr. T pities criminals as he awaits jury duty

Lawrence Tureaud, better known as Mr. T, was in true form Aug. 15 as he waited outside a suburban Chicago courthouse to be called for jury duty.

Sporting his usual Mohawk and wearing an FBI sweatshirt and hat, but not a gold chain, the star of "Rocky III" and TV's "The A Team" signed autographs and seemed to be enjoying himself.

He said, "I pity the criminals today." Tureaud, 62, also said he never considered "playing hooky" after receiving the jury summons to the Rolling Meadows court.

He wasn't picked as a juror.

Other news

■ Producers of "On Your Feet!" — the Broadway musical about Gloria Estefan and her husband Emilio — said Monday they'll offer performers around the world a chance to audition for all the roles in the cast by submitting audition videos online.

■ ABC News anchor Elizabeth Vargas has returned to a recovery center to be treated for alcohol dependency. The "20/20" anchor said in an email Sunday that she checked into a facility over the weekend while on vacation.

From The Associated Press

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Bourbon production highest since '70s

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kentucky bourbon makers are making a big bet by stashing away their largest stockpiles in more than a generation.

To put it in bartenders' lingo, distillers are putting up the tab for millions of rounds of bourbon years before they are even ordered. The production poses an inherent risk, but hitting the moment right — a big supply meshing with big demand — could mean a serious payday for companies big and small.

Missing the target would leave bourbon makers awash with supply and leave future production in question, particularly for craft distilleries that have seen a surge in popularity.

"People keep asking us, 'When will the bubble burst?'" said Eric Gregory, president of the Kentucky Distillers' Association.

For most in the business, the an-



BRUCE SCHREINER/AP

Bourbon supplies age in barrels at the Jim Beam distillery in Clermont, Ky.

swer is not anytime soon.

Large companies are banking on continued international demand from places such as China and a culture in the U.S. that currently

has a taste for bourbon, which has to be aged at least two years in new charred oak

'Bourbon as a category is on fire. Every week, there's stuff that's out of stock.'

Bill Thomas
bar owner

of Woodford Reserve and Old Forester bourbons.

Last year, Kentucky distilleries filled 1.2 million barrels of bourbon — the most since 1970, according to the Kentucky Distillers' Association. Inventory has topped 5 million barrels for the first time since 1977, the group said.

Production has surged by more than 150 percent in the past 15 years in Kentucky — home to 95

percent of the world's bourbon production.

"For many, many years, bourbon was considered a Southern gentleman's drink," said Jimmy Russell, the longtime master distiller at Wild Turkey. "Now bourbon's become a worldwide drink."

The last time the industry spiked production in the 1970s, distillers ended up with a glut when demand went into a tailspin.

Back then, the industry had grown stale, and many consumers switched allegiance to vodka, Scotch and other spirits. "You had the same old brands. You were pretty much on autopilot," Morris said.

Now, distillers are constantly dabbling with premium small-batch offerings or putting new twists on recipes and flavors, and companies are looking to real-time data from the digital world.

"Bourbon as a category is on fire," said Bill Thomas, a Washington bar owner. "Every week, there's stuff that's out of stock."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Aug 19)	\$1,379.29
British pound (Aug 19)	\$1,075.64
Japanese yen (Aug 19)	\$1.00
Chinese yuan (Aug 19)	\$1.71
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37
British (Pound)	\$1,672.22
Canada (Dollar)	1.0893
China (Yuan)	\$1,430
Denmark (Krone)	5.6785
HK (Pound)	\$1,336.74
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7598
Hungary (Forint)	20.36
Israel (Shekel)	3.5123
Japan (Yen)	100.00
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2634
Norway (Krone)	6.1332
Philippines (Peso)	43.9375
Poland (Zloty)	3.18
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2136
South Korea (Won)	210.21
Taiwan (New Dollar)	1.2136
Thailand (Baht)	21.664
Turkey (Lira)	3.18

Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities. Commercial rates are those for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For Singapore, Japan, Germany and the Netherlands purchasing British pounds in Germany for the purchase of military equipment at a military facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying British pounds. Commercial rates are not used to convert a euro, except for the British pound, which is converted at the interbank rate, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.13

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	87	71	City	Fort Wayne	82	66	City	Louisville	88	73	City	Pocatello	83	55	City	Sioux City	85	65	City
Abilene, Texas	95	72	PCldy	Chattanooga	82	58	PCldy	Fresno	94	67	City	Lubbock	93	69	PCldy	Portland, Maine	75	55	PCldy	Sioux Falls	83	64	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	82	62	City	Cincinnati	84	68	Rain	Chicago	87	63	City	Madison	81	63	City	Providence	80	59	City	Spokane	87	59	PCldy
Albuquerque	87	66	City	Cleveland	81	66	Rain	Grand Rapids	78	65	City	Medford	92	62	City	Pueblo	90	60	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	87	59	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	82	62	City	College Springs	81	66	Rain	Hartford	93	63	City	Milwaukee	91	63	City	Reno	87	62	PCldy	Syracuse	79	62	PCldy
Anamarillo	87	67	City	Columbia, S.C.	93	73	City	Green Bay	78	62	Rain	Miami Beach	91	78	PCldy	Repid City	87	62	PCldy	Tulsa	79	62	PCldy
Anchorage	65	51	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	70	74	City	Greensboro, N.C.	88	68	City	Midland-Odesa	93	72	PCldy	San Antonio	91	61	City	Tallahassee	75	75	City
Asheville	87	67	City	Columbus, Ohio	91	71	City	Harrisburg	93	69	City	Minneapolis	91	78	PCldy	St. Louis	87	65	City	Tampa	83	65	City
Atlanta	87	73	City	Concord, N.H.	78	51	City	Hartford Spgld	80	59	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	79	63	City	Los Angeles	85	68	Rain	Toledo	80	66	Rain
Austin	87	73	City	Columbia, S.C.	93	73	City	Houston	93	69	PCldy	Mobile	92	76	PCldy	Omaha	87	65	City	Trenton	87	65	City
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OPINION

Don't let bad collectors of old debts bully you

By MEGAN MCARDLE
Bloomberg News

If you read only one thing this week-end, it should be a book excerpt, "Paper Boys," by Jake Halpern, in *The New York Times Magazine*. It describes the colorful, seamy, more-than-borderline-dishonest world of firms that collect old debts.

As the industry has been described to me, there's a hierarchy of debt-collection professionals, from the people who work for your bank or utility (indifferent, sometimes incompetent, occasionally mean) to the folks who buy ancient debt — known as "paper" — for pennies on the dollar and attempt to collect it, relying on no more than the occasional goodwill of debtors and their own antisocial tendencies. Very old debts are very difficult to collect, because they disappear from credit reports after seven years, and after a state's statute of limitations on debt collections expires, the collector can't even sue. So these wily collectors either hope that the debtor feels bad about being a deadbeat and wants to clear his good name ... or that he doesn't know the law. And when hope fails, collectors frequently resort to less savory tactics such as threatening to sue (legal), threatening to have you arrested (it may be legal to make the threat, but they can't actually make good on it) or impersonating a law enforcement officer who is going to come arrest you (very, very, illegal).

The problem is that even if they engage in illegal tactics, it's a pretty low priority for the government. Though the harm these guys do is real, it's not like this is an industry where you clutch your hand to your heart in the fear that tougher regulations might put you out of business. The problem is enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission, which is in charge of regulating this stuff, is not really equipped to rid the world of a bunch of fly-by-night collection shops operating out of temporary office spaces or the back of some guy's warehouse; it's good at wrangling with corporations that have big, marble-floored headquarters that can't easily be moved to a nearby shed if the government comes knocking. It's easy to see why enforcement would be a low priority when shutting down one fishy operation just means that someone else will pick up the paper and do the same thing — maybe even the owner, operating through a brand-new shell company.

Halpern suggests at the end of the excerpt that we could move to a registry of debts, something like the central registry we have for real estate sales. That would certainly cut down on overaggressive collection efforts, at least if people bothered to check that they were paying debts they legitimately owed. But it wouldn't eliminate them because, as aforementioned, enforcement is tricky. And setting up a registry is harder than you think, because while real estate transactions are relatively rare, consumer debts can come in any size and from any source. If you require people to register debts so that they can legally collect on them, you effectively create a system in which small-denomination debts can't effectively be collected upon at all — which sounds great

until Verizon triples its nonpayment fee in order to bring it up to "collectible" level.

Given all these complexities, the FTC doesn't seem super-interested in getting such a registry going. That leaves you to field calls from debt collectors. What can you do?

For starters, know your rights:

■ Familiarize yourself with the statute of limitations in your state. After that limit expires, debt collectors can't sue you to collect any more.

■ After seven years, uncollected debts leave your credit report. Debt collectors can re-report the debt, which would be a huge pain, but eventually the credit bureau will have to take it off again if you're sufficiently persistent.

■ Ask if they can validate the debt. Often, they can't, because he's some weasel who bought a spreadsheet off some guy he barely knows and is now calling down the list. These sheets frequently have errors. If you don't remember this debt, or even if you're unsure, demand proof you owe the money.

■ You cannot be arrested simply for failing to pay debts you owe to a private company. Government debts are different — if you have tax debts or a judge has issued a bench warrant for nonpayment, then you will end up spending time in the pokies if you don't pay. But that \$150 credit card bill from eight years ago? Forget it.

■ They cannot call your friends, family or boss to get help paying the debt. They also cannot call in the wee small hours of the morning, make threats or otherwise make it impossible for you to live a normal life. There is one

thing you can't stop them from doing: calling to collect on the debt. Even if the statute of limitations has expired — which means they can't sue — legally, you still owe it, and they have the right to jawbone you about it. Be warned that even if it turns out they can't validate the debt, they may simply sell the account again, starting the cycle anew with a different collector.

Or you can try to settle it. In general, I think it's a good idea to make good on debts you owe, unless doing so would pose an undue legal hardship. And remember that by the time you're dealing with an elderly debt, you're talking to a guy on the other end of the phone who probably bought your account for a few cents on the dollar. Which means that he makes a profit even if you only pay a small fraction of what you owe. Even if you don't agree with me on the morality of it, it may be worth coming to a settlement just to end the hassle of further calls.

If all else fails, you can try some extra-legal means of persuasion to make them stop calling you. Unlike them, you have no legal obligation to behave decently, as long as you stop short of violent threats. As long as we have debts, we'll probably have debt collectors. You might as well at least have some fun dealing with them.

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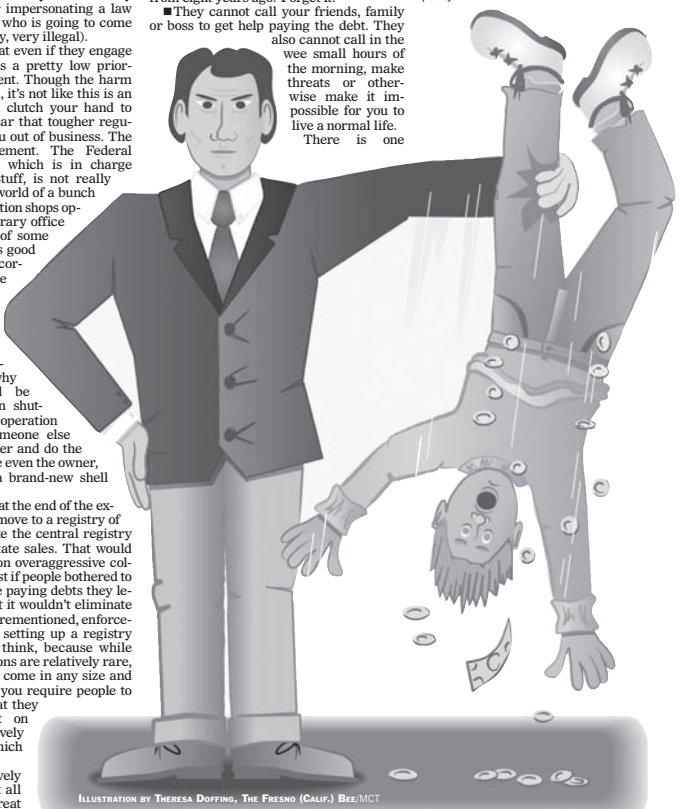


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OPINION

Obama tests the bounds of lame-duckery

By DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times

There are two words every president, including Barack Obama, hates to hear: "lame duck." He's in year six of his eight-year run. His biggest accomplishments are all in the past; his remaining proposals are stymied by Congress. His popularity is mired near 40 percent, and voters tell pollsters they see him as a leader "who can't get things done."

No wonder he's a little sensitive. The president has spent much of the year fending off lame-duckery, insisting that he's still hard at work, still bent on getting things done. "Let's pass some bills," he called out, mock-plaintively, to Congress last month. "It's lonely, me just doing stuff."

He announced that 2014 would be a Year of Action — the White House uses capital letters — whether Congress joined in or not.

He hired John Podesta as his counselor, the wily strategist who helped Bill Clinton end his presidency on a high note.

And he issued a progress report listing his top achievements for the year so far, including some that seemed, well, a bit lame: a White House Science Fair, an Energy Datapalooza and an order "directing the timely completion of the International Trade Data System." (The report didn't make much of a splash.)

But at least one part of the president's strategy is working, at least when it comes to riling up his Republican opponents: the expansive use of executive orders.

On that count, to his critics, Obama is a lame duck on a rampage.

Obama hasn't issued more executive orders than earlier presidents — in fact, he's issued fewer. But he's been unusually blunt in saying that he'll use executive orders to pursue his aims whenever Congress fails to act, which a divided Congress frequently does.

When Congress wouldn't raise the federal

minimum wage, Obama used an executive order to raise it for federal contractors. When Congress wouldn't pass legislation on climate change, Obama ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to impose emission limits on power plants.

And with Congress failing again and again to pass an immigration reform law, aides say Obama plans to issue an order later this year to give more immigrants without papers temporary permits to stay in the country — and even, potentially, permission to work.

One likely action, aides say, is a decision to expand the program that currently gives permits to so-called Dreamers — immigrants who came to the United States as children — by extending similar treatment to the Dreamers' immediate families and undocumented parents of U.S. citizens. This program — technically, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals — was itself created by an Obama executive order in 2012.

Its expansion has long been sought by liberal immigration reform advocates as a humanitarian measure to avoid dividing families that are already in the country. But the idea has turned out to be more complicated — politically, at least — than it looked at first. The sudden flood of Central American children crossing the border this past spring made illegal immigration a hot-button issue for more voters than before.

Even though the border crisis has ebbed, some Democrats worry that a sweeping executive order could cause a backlash that would help Republican Senate candidates in conservative states such as Arkansas and Louisiana in the November midterm elections.

"The Latino vote is critical in a presidential election," a Democratic strategist told me. "But this election, the conservative Anglo vote is more powerful." In Arkansas, for example, where Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., faces a tough re-election race, only about 2 percent of voters are Latinos.

That leaves Obama with a dilemma. He's



promised supporters that he'll act on immigration, and aides say he's sticking to that promise. The potential solution: a narrow order that covers only a few categories of immigrants, stipulates that their permission to stay is temporary and reaffirms the government's intention to continue deporting anyone with a criminal record.

Even a limited measure will draw charges of "amnesty" from nativists, of course, but that's the reaction the White House may welcome. Immigration is actually an issue that divides Republicans, Democratic strategists say; limited measures to fix the system can draw bipartisan support.

That still leaves the question of whether Obama is exceeding his authority by issuing high-impact executive orders. On immigration, at least, most legal scholars say the law gives the president broad discretion — especially on how to prioritize enforcement efforts, which is how officials are describing Obama's impending decision.

One White House aide pointed me to an unexpected authority: former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who served under President George W. Bush. "The courts have generally been inclined to defer to the executive's discretion" when it comes to enforcing immigration laws, Gonzales wrote in USA Today this month. "It will matter, of course, how broad Obama's order is, and whether it stretches the idea of 'deferred action' to create a new category of long-term residency permit."

But it won't be much of a threat to the Constitution. It will be an executive order issued in broad daylight. If members of Congress don't like it, they can pass a law to overturn it. They can even sue Obama, as House Republicans say they will over the president's selective implementation of his health care law. Nothing wrong with that. Litigiousness, after all, is the American way.

Doyle McManus is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

When a friend asks to die, heart and head conflict

By JERALD WINAKUR

When I read NPR host Diane Rehm's account of the unnecessarily slow death that her husband, John, had to endure because his doctor refused her request for assistance ending his life, I was reminded of the time a similar request was made of me.

In July 1998, I received a call from an old friend. She was in intensive care in a New Hampshire hospital, where she lay, nearly quadriplegic, with a halo brace screwed into her skull to buttress her broken neck and shocked spinal cord. An avid horsewoman and competitive carriage racer in her mid-70s, she had been devastatingly injured when her horse spooked, flipping the carriage over on top of her.

"The surgeon wants my permission to operate if I improve neurologically but the fracture does not heal. Will you promise me that if I remain a quadriplegic you will come and put me down?"

I did not hesitate in my answer to her. "Yes," I said.

Put me down.

This phrase sounded perfectly natural coming from my friend, a farmer-poet and animal rights advocate who raised horses and cared for a coterie of rescue dogs. Her vet bills were always higher than her medical bills. She was well acquainted with

death as part of the natural order of things on the farm.

I, on the other hand, am a doctor, a geriatrician. And at the time, I had witnessed all too many deaths among my patients and friends. As is common with the elderly in particular, most came after a long struggle with illness and decline. Usually I was able to offer adequate comfort and pain relief, even in those days before palliative medicine and enlightened hospice care became mainstream.

But I'd never been asked to help a patient die. Not the young father with widespread lung cancer who took himself out with a shotgun. Or the elderly man who killed his wife — she who suffered for months with intractable post-shingles facial pain — and then turned the pistol on himself.

But when my friend with the broken neck asked if I would "put her down," I didn't hesitate. Why had I said yes? Putting a person down is very different from doing so with a pet. Vets don't refuse to euthanize an animal whose owner has requested it, but doctors almost never agree to do such a thing. What terrible line had I crossed?

Maybe because she was my friend, and not my patient, did I feel that somehow the professional commandment to "do no harm" did not apply? That because I knew her, loved her and respected her, and because she and her family trusted me, I

should use my skills to end her suffering if necessary?

Perhaps I was just hoping that she would get better. What she wanted from me at that moment was reassurance that I would be there if she needed me. She was desperately afraid, and she turned to me for support.

One might ask: Why did she not turn to her own doctor? I suspect it was for the same reason that my patients who contemplated suicide did not turn to me: They knew they would be asking me to do something that could put me and my medical career in jeopardy. Euthanasia of humans is murder, after all. Even if one uses veterinary nomenclature to describe it.

A year before my friend broke her neck, Oregon passed, by referendum, the Death With Dignity Act. While the law is controversial, three other states have followed by adopting similar legislation. In Oregon, a competent adult with a terminal disease — certified by two doctors — can request a prescription for a fatal dose of drugs to be taken orally. After a waiting period, the medication can be obtained. The patient must be able to self-administer the drug. Doctor participation in the program is voluntary.

My friend would not have been a candidate for physician-assisted suicide had it been legal in her state. Quadriplegia is not

a terminal illness, despite that she did not want to live that way. Many people, after all, do live with that condition.

She would have had to turn to a group like the Hemlock Society, the rifle over the fireplace mantel or — as hospice often recommends for the terminally ill in their care — cessation of food and water intake. This takes a week or two and seems cruel, but most patients can be made quite comfortable with state-of-the-art symptom management. This is, indeed, the means by which John Rehm ended his life.

But, my friend had turned to me. Fortunately for both of us, she made a very nice recovery, never required an operation and spent the next 16 years on her farm writing, gardening and enjoying the natural world, her family and many friends. She had her horses put down when the time came. When I visited her just after her 88th birthday, she was in chronic pain from severe arthritis and debilitated by several end-stage medical conditions.

"I'd like to be put down," she said. "But my doctors just won't do it." Thankfully, she did not make this request of me again. She lived almost one year more.

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National champion Florida State and Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Jameis Winston, above, will begin the season ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press preseason poll. Florida State has never begun the season ranked No. 1 the year following a national championship win. It is the sixth time the school has been awarded the No. 1 preseason ranking.

Ballot breakdown

Seminoles start as No. 1

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

The Associated Press preseason Top 25 is out. Take a look at how the ballots break down, and find out what to watch for when the college football season begins this month:

'Noles Nation Domination: Finish No. 1. Start No. 1. Even Bobby Bowden's best Florida State teams never did that.

Jimbo Fisher's Seminoles will. Jameis Winston and the defending national champions are preseason No. 1 for the sixth time.

In two of the previous five seasons Florida State started No. 1, the 'Noles went on to finish No. 1, including a wire-to-wire title in 1999. But they never did start the following year top-ranked.

OK, the 2000 Seminoles were preseason No. 2, and after Bowden, the Hall of Fame coach whom Fisher replaced, won his first national championship in 1993, Florida State started 1995 ranked No. 3.

Fisher's Seminoles have a long way to go to compare to Florida State's unprecedented run of national championship contention, a string of 14 straight seasons during which the 'Noles finished the season ranked in the top five of the AP rankings.

Still, make no mistake: Florida State 2.0 is built to last.

"We're the second-winningest team in the country the last four years, the winningest team the last two years and have had the most NFL players," Fisher said. "We've recruited well, too. Recruited a lot of great young players we've been able to mentor and develop as we go, so we're very comfortable with the guys who are replacing the guys that left."

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The Seminoles were an overwhelming choice as No. 1, receiving 57 of 60 first-place votes from the media panel. No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Oregon and No. 4 Oklahoma got one first-place vote each.

Ohio State is No. 5 and Auburn, which lost the final BCS national championship game to the Seminoles 34-31, is No. 6.

Last season was a good reminder that preseason rankings can look pretty silly by the end of the season. Four teams that finished in final top 10 last season (No. 2 Auburn, No. 3 Michigan State, No. 5 Missouri and No. 10 UCF) were unranked to start the season. Throw in No. 13 Baylor, No. 20 Arizona State and No. 23 Duke, and seven of the teams that either won or played for the championship in the six conferences with BCS automatic-qualifying status began 2013 unranked.

The Bowl Championship Series is gone now, replaced by the College Football Playoff. The top four teams will be placed into national semifinals to be played on New Year's Day and advance to the championship game about a week and half later.

Expect surprises, though coming up with a scenario in which Florida State is not part of college football's first final four is difficult.

Winston will make a run at his second Heisman behind an offensive line that returns four starters. There's turnover at receiver and running back but still plenty left of four- and five-star talent left behind.

Conference Call: Do not think for a second that the end of the Southeastern Conference's streak of national championships means the SEC is slipping.

The SEC begins the 2014 season with

eight ranked teams, matching its own record for most teams from one conference in the preseason poll, set in 2011.

After Alabama and Auburn, South Carolina is No. 9, Georgia is 12, LSU is 13, Mississippi is 18, Texas A&M is 21 and Missouri is 24.

The Pac-12, which gave the SEC a good run as the nation's best conference last year, has six ranked teams — No. 7 UCLA, No. 11 Stanford, No. 15 Southern California, No. 19 Arizona State and No. 25 Washington — the most ever for the league in the preseason.

From The Archives: No. 7 UCLA has its best preseason ranking since 1998, when the Bruins were also seventh.

■ No. 8 Michigan State has its best preseason ranking since 1967, when the Spartans were No. 3.

■ No. 10 Baylor is ranked in the preseason for the first time since 1986 and has its best preseason rankings since 1957, when the Bears were No. 7.

■ No. 25 Washington, with new coach Chris Petersen, formerly of Boise State, is making its first preseason appearance since 2003.

Start To Finish: Since the AP preseason poll debuted in 1950, Florida State in '99 and Southern California in 2004 are the only teams to start and end the season No. 1 in the AP poll. Eight other preseason No. 1s have also won the national championship.

Streaks: Ohio State has been ranked in 26 straight preseason polls, the nation's longest current streak.

■ Alabama has been ranked in the top five in six straight preseason polls, the nation's longest current streak.

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Giants quarterback Eli Manning is sacked by the Colts' D'Qwell Jackson during the first half on Saturday. Manning has completed just one of nine passes for 6 yards in the preseason.

Giants' offensive problems glaring despite 3-0 record

By JIM HAGUE

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A 3-0 preseason record can't mask the New York Giants' problems.

There are major concerns on the offensive end for the Giants, who play two more preseason games before the regular season opener against the Detroit Lions Sept. 8.

Quarterback Eli Manning appears lost in new offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo's West Coast system. Manning is 1-for-9 for 6 yards in two games he has played.

Coach Tom Coughlin would never criticize his franchise quarterback, but Coughlin knows that there has to be changes with Manning and the offense.

"Any time you set up something like the offense, you expect them to be at certain points along the way," Coughlin said Sunday during a teleconference. "It is disappointing to not be advanced where we are. I don't think there's any way else to put it. We've had some unproductive games in the preseason. We have yet to be able to come out and play well. Is that a concern? Sure, it's a concern."

The Giants couldn't muster much of a running attack in a 27-26 victory against the Colts on Saturday until the fourth-quarter comeback.

Free agent acquisition Rashad Jennings, who looked so promising after his 73-yard touchdown jaunt a week prior against the Pittsburgh Steelers,

managed 17 yards on seven carries against the Colts. Rookie Andre Williams, the team's fourth-round draft pick out of Boston College, who showed a ton of promise in the early preseason, gained 19 yards on eight attempts against the Colts.

"It's obvious that we have to work on a lot of things," Coughlin said. "We have to work on everything. We didn't throw well. We didn't run it. No one was open. We had protection breakdowns. Just getting the ball out of the quarterback's hands. Things have to be done and we only have a three-day practice week."

The Giants play the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium Friday night.

"We don't have the time to work on just one or two things," Coughlin said. "We have to try to improve on all areas. Not enough plays are being made by our offense. All of a sudden, the preseason is flying by and we still have a lot left to accomplish."

Coughlin also cited a lack of cohesiveness between an offensive line that is made up mostly with newcomers.

"They need to work together," Coughlin said. "They have to communicate together with just split second timing. The results have been frustrating."

Coughlin said he has not decided yet on a first-string offensive line, thus the reason why second-round draft pick Weston Richburg was used at center and both right and left guard Saturday night.

"Just because five guys trot out there doesn't mean they're the first unit," Coughlin said. "It's a work in progress. We're looking at all possibilities."

Coughlin was asked if there was a sense of urgency with the offensive first unit.

"There better be," Coughlin said. "Nothing is written in stone. We still have some work to do along those lines."

Eagles QB Foles gets back on track

By ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — When Nick Foles matched last year's interception total in the first quarter of the first preseason game, the impatient critics began whispering about Michael Vick and Mark Sanchez.

They wondered if letting Vick go to the Jets would haunt the Eagles. They suggested that Sanchez would unsettle Foles as the starter.

Relax, people. Foles bounced back from a poor performance against the Bears with a strong effort against the Patriots. He's firmly entrenched as the starting quarterback, even if he still has to prove to doubters his breakout sophomore year was no fluke.

"You never want to have a bad game," Foles said Sunday. "It's always going to feel the same whether you've been the starter forever or you're a new starter. But if it happens, it's one of those things where no matter who you are, people are going to look at you as the quarterback to see how you bounce back, how you are on the bus after the game, how you are the next practice. I'm hard on myself. But I knew I could bounce back."

Foles was 6-for-9 with two interceptions at Chicago last week. That's never a big deal in August. Still, it was surprising considering he threw only two INTs in 350 attempts last year when he led the Eagles to the NFC East title and was MVP of the Pro Bowl.

But Foles rebounded in a loss to New England on Friday night. He was 8-for-10 for 81 yards and one touchdown. He's missing three-time Pro Bowl wide receiver DeSean Jackson, who was released in the offseason. He also hasn't had both starting wideouts, Jeremy Maclin and Riley Cooper, because of injuries.

"I'll be excited when they are back because they are two tremendous receivers," Foles said.

"But I want to make sure their health is there. And to make sure that they are healthy enough to go out there before they go out there, because you don't want to re-aggravate an injury because then you are out for longer."

Those who measure Foles against last year may be disappointed because it'll be difficult for any quarterback to do what he did in 2013. Foles finished with 29 touchdown passes in 11 starts, including a playoff loss to New Orleans. He set an NFL record for best TD/interception ratio and his passer rating of 119.2 was the third-highest in NFL history.

He could make improvements on the field but take a step back in his statistics.

"He had an outstanding season last year that everybody was excited about. But he knows as an individual he can still get better," coach Chip Kelly said. "That's what he worked on when we were with him in the whole offseason program."

Kelly is quite comfortable with his quarterback situation. Sanchez, who spent his first five seasons with the Jets, has been impressive in the preseason. He's 18-for-22 for 196 yards, two TDs and one interception. Third-string quarterback Matt Barkley also is playing well.

Sanchez has a pedigree. He led the Jets to the AFC championship game in each of his first two seasons in the league before losing his starting job to rookie Geno Smith last year, when he spent the season on injured reserve because of a torn labrum in his right shoulder.

If teams looking to upgrade at starter called the Eagles about Sanchez, Kelly said he'd listen.

"It better be a pretty good deal in terms of what it is," Kelly said. "But that's not in any of our thought process. You better have two quarterbacks in this league. I think unless something blows you out of the water, we're real confident with Mark."



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Eagles quarterback Nick Foles, right, passes over the arm of Patriots defensive tackle Vince Wilfork during Friday's preseason game. Foles was 8-for-10 for 81 yards and one touchdown.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nadal withdraws from US Open with injury

The Associated Press

Rafael Nadal pulled out of the U.S. Open on Monday because of an injured right wrist, making him the fourth reigning men's champion in the last 45 years to sit out the tournament.

Nadal and the tournament announced his decision simultaneously, exactly one week before the year's last Grand Slam tournament begins.

The 28-year-old Spaniard was hurt July 29 while practicing on his home island of Mallorca ahead of the North American hard-court circuit. The next day, Nadal said he had been told by doctors to wear a cast on his wrist for two to three weeks, and would have to sit out U.S. Open tuneup tournaments in Toronto and Cincinnati.

Nadal also said at that time he expected to be able to return for the U.S. Open itself. But on Monday, he issued a statement on his Facebook page, saying he is "very sorry to announce" he would not play in New York.

"I am sure you understand that it is a very tough moment for me since it is a tournament I love and where I have great memories from fans, the night matches, so many things," Nadal's posting read. "Not much more I can do right now, other than accept the situation and, as always in my case, work hard in order to be able to compete at the highest level once I am back."

The second-ranked Nadal plays left-handed, but he uses a two-handed backhand.

The other U.S. Open men's singles champions who did not return to the field the following year were Ken Rosewall in 1971, Pete Sampras in 2003, and Juan Martin del Potro in 2010.

Nadal won his second championship at Flushing Meadows in 2013, part of a run of reaching the final in each of his last three appearances in the U.S. Open. He beat Novak Djokovic to win the titles in 2010 and last year, and lost to Djokovic in 2011.

But now Nadal will be skipping the tournament for the second time in three years. He did not enter the U.S. Open in 2012, part of an extended absence because of a problem with his left knee.

Federer, Serena win titles in Cincinnati

MASON, Ohio — By now, everyone knows Roger Federer's itinerary for Cincinnati: Get his game in order, raise the winner's trophy, leave town with a lot of confidence for the U.S. Open.

Federer won his unprecedented sixth title in Cincinnati on Sunday, beating David Ferrer 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 at the Western & Southern Open. He's reached the finals six times and won all six.

How does this keep happening? "I don't know," he said. "I just really enjoy myself here."

Serena Williams couldn't say that until Sunday, when she got her first Cincinnati championship on her sixth try. Williams needed only 62 minutes to beat Ana Ivanovic 6-4, 6-1 and earn a title that had always slipped away.

"I love this moment," she said. "I love holding up the trophy."

Philly girl hits single in Little League victory

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Mo'ne Davis had a bloop RBI single in the first inning to become the sixth girl to get a hit in Little League World Series history, and her Philadelphia team rallied in the sixth inning to beat Pearlland, Texas, 7-6 on Sunday night.

On Friday in Philadelphia's opener, Davis threw a two-hitter and struck out eight in a 1-0 victory over Nashville, Tenn.

Philadelphia will play Las Vegas on Wednesday night, with Davis expected to pitch again. Las Vegas also improved to 2-0 on Sunday, routing Chicago 13-2 in four innings.

In International play Sunday,

South Korea and Japan each improved to 2-0. Seoul beat Humacao, Puerto Rico, 8-5; and Tokyo topped Guadalupe, Mexico 9-5.

Park defends LPGA Championship title

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Inbee Park successfully defended her title in the LPGA Championship, beating Brittany Lincicome on the first hole of a playoff Sunday to end the United States' major streak at three.

On the playoff hole on Monroe Golf Club's par-4 18th, Park hit her second into the rough behind the hole. Lincicome hit her approach to the left fringe, nearly identical to her position on the final hole of regulation when she made a bogey to fall in the playoff.

Lincicome chipped 6 feet past the hole and failed to convert for bogey. Park, the winner last year at Locust Hill in a playoff with Catriona Matthew, chipped to 3 feet and sank her par putt for her fifth major title and fourth in the last two seasons.

Park finished with a 2-under 70 to match Lincicome at 11-under 276. Lincicome had a 71.

In other golf news: At Greensboro, N.C., Camilo Villegas won the Wyndham Championship by a stroke for his first PGA Tour victory since 2010, losing with 7-under 63 at Sedgfield.

He finished at 17-under 263 and earned \$954,000 and 500 FedEx Cup points in the final regular-season event.

At Endicott, N.Y., Bernhard Langer rallied to win the Dick's Sporting Goods Open for his fifth Champions Tour victory of the year, while Kevin Sutherland followed his tour-record 59 with a 74 to tie for seventh.

The 56-year-old Langer played all 54 holes without a bogey, closing with a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke victory over Woody Austin and Mark O'Meara. Langer finished at 16-under 200 at En-Joie



GARY WIEPERT/AP

Inbee Park looks over the green as she prepares to putt on the 18th hole during a playoff Sunday at the LPGA Championship in Pittsford, N.Y. Park successfully defended her title, beating Brittany Lincicome with a par on the first hole.

for his 23rd career victory on the 50-and-over tour.

Falcons' Baker out for year with knee injury

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons' revamped offensive line took a major setback Sunday when left tackle Sam Baker was ruled out for the year after injuring his right knee in a preseason game.

The Falcons said the injury

plagued Baker sustained a torn patellar tendon in a 32-7 loss to the Houston Texans on Saturday night.

The injury is a huge blow to Atlanta's efforts to bolster a line that was one of the league's worst a year ago.

The Falcons ranked last in the league in yards rushing and quarterback Matt Ryan was sacked a career-high 44 times, in addition to being pressured 203 times, most in the NFL.

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Kansas City's Alex Gordon, front center, is congratulated by Billy Butler, left, and Josh Willingham, right, after his two-run home run off Minnesota's Caleb Thielbar during the fifth inning on Sunday.

Roundup

Royals' 7-run second tops Twins

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Kansas City Royals scored seven runs in the second inning. Then they really started hitting the ball.

Alex Gordon, Salvador Perez and Josh Willingham homered, and the Royals beat the Minnesota Twins 12-6 on Sunday for their 20th win in their last 25 games.

Kansas City sent 11 batters to the plate in the big second, keyed by two-run singles for Alcides Escobar and Nori Aoki. The Royals then started hitting the ball out of the park after a 54-minute rain delay in the fourth.

Gordon sent one drive into a flower bed in right-center. Perez lined one into the left-field seats, and Willingham's homer traveled an estimated 433 feet into the third deck in left field.

"Those tack on runs are huge," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

The Royals also increased their AL Central lead to 1½ games over Detroit, which lost 8-1 to Seattle. This is the latest the Royals have been in first place since 2003.

Kansas City's Jeremy Guthrie (9-10) returned to the mound after the delay in the fourth and lasted seven innings, yielding home runs by Joe Mauer and Kennys Vargas.

Rockies 10, 10; Reds 9, 5: At Denver, Michael Cuddyer hit for the cycle, including a two-run double in Colorado's five-run eighth inning, as the Rockies beat Cincinnati to sweep a doubleheader.

Colorado won the opener when Drew Stubbs capped a five-run ninth inning with a three-run homer off J.J. Hoover (1-9).

Cuddyer tripled in the first, homered in the fifth and singled in the seventh while becoming the seventh Rockies player to hit for the cycle and first since Carlos Gonzalez on July 31, 2010, against the Chicago Cubs.

Cuddyer's second career cycle came in his second game back after he was sidelined by a left shoulder injury.

Yankees 4, Rays 2: Hiroki Kuroda pitched neatly into the seventh inning and Brett Gardner drove in two runs to lead New York to the road win.

Kuroda (8-8) retired 17 straight batters after allowing consecutive one-out singles to Ben Zobrist and Matt Joyce in the first.

Mark Teixeira reached 20 homers for the 11th time in his career with a solo shot in the Yankees eighth.

Orioles 4, Indians 1: Rookie Kevin Gausman pitched six strong innings as visiting Baltimore salvaged the series finale, beating Cleveland to avoid being swept for the first time since May.

Gausman (7-4) allowed just one run and two hits. Zach Britton finished the combined two-hitter for his 26th save.

Marlins 10, Diamondbacks 3: Giancarlo Stanton hit his 32nd homer and drove in four runs to power host Miami.

Stanton has a career-high 88 RBIs, one more than he had in 2011. He went 7-for-14 with four walks and six RBIs in the four-game series against Arizona.

Garrett Jones also homered for the Marlins, who have won five of seven to get back to the .500 mark at 62-62.

Giants 5, Phillies 2: Michael Morse got three hits and scored twice as San Francisco won consecutive home games for the first time in more than two months.

Andrew Susac had two hits and drove in the go-ahead run for the Giants. Brandon Crawford drove in a pair of runs.

Cubs 2, Mets 1: At New York, Starlin Castro hit a tiebreaking homer on the first pitch of the ninth inning to lift Chicago. Cubs starter Jake Arrieta

struck out nine in seven smooth innings.

Cardinals 7, Padres 6: Matt Carpenter homered, doubled and drove in three runs for host St. Louis, as Adam Wainwright moved into a share of the major league lead with his 15th win.

Jon Jay's two-run single highlighted a four-run first inning when the Cardinals batted around against rookie Odrisamer Despaigne (3-4). Peter Bourjos and Tony Cruz each had an RBI single for St. Louis, which took three of four in the series.

Rangers 3, Angels 2: Adam Rosales and Mike Carp hit RBI singles in the ninth inning off Angels closer Huston Street, rallying host Texas.

The Rangers had lost four in a row overall, and nine straight to the Angels. Los Angeles had won its past four games.

Street (1-1) had saved the first two games of the three-game series. The blown save was his second in 35 opportunities with the Angels and Padres.

White Sox 7, Blue Jays 5: Conor Gillaspie hit his first grand slam and Jordan Danks added a two-run shot to cap a six-run first inning as Chicago held off Toronto.

Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer, his 27th this season and first since returning from the disabled list on Friday. The Blue Jays have lost five of six and 11 of 15.

Astros 8, Red Sox 1: Jose Altuve hit his first grand slam after Boston shortstop Xander Bogaerts made a mental gaffe on a play that would have ended an inning, carrying visiting Houston over the Red Sox.

Altuve, who leads the majors in hits, went 4-for-5, raising his hit total to 173 and majors' best average to .339 as the Astros earned a split of the four-game series.

Nationals walk off in 11th for sweep

Second straight late rally over Pittsburgh extends Washington's winning streak to six

By HARVEY VALENTINE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jayson Werth recently said the Washington Nationals were due to go on a run.

On Sunday night, he came off the bench, ailing shoulder and all, and extended the one they're on.

Pinch-hitter Scott Hairston's sacrifice fly with one out in the 11th inning drove in Werth to give the Nationals a 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday night and complete a three-game sweep.

Werth, who had missed the last five games due to his sore right shoulder, entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the ninth and doubled leading off the 11th against Brandon Crompton (3-4).

"I haven't swung a bat for like a week, so there's not a whole lot you can do there," Werth said about keeping his timing sharp. "When you play this long and you play this deep in the season, you don't ... it's like when you come back from the All-Star Break, it's not like you miss a whole lot."

Werth went to third on Denard Span's grounder to first. Hairston then sent Crompton's first pitch to deep left and Werth scored easily after the catch.

"I [was thinking] 'I just drive the ball to the outfield,'" Hairston said. "Obviously a hard ground ball can get the job done, too, if it finds a hole, but your percentages are better if you get it to the outfield."

Ross Detwiler (2-2) pitched two innings for the win as Washington won for the second night in a row in its final at-bat.

Span and Anthony Rendon had two hits each for National League

East-leading Washington, which has won six straight.

The Pirates were winless on their five-game road trip and have lost five straight for the first time since September 2012.

Both closers blew save chances in the ninth.

Trailing 4-2 entering the inning, the Pirates got one run on a wild pitch and took a 5-4 lead on Gregory Polanco's two-run double off Rafael Soriano.

Washington rallied against Matt Melancon in their half, however. Asdrubal Cabrera's one-out single off the glove of a diving Neil Walker scored Werth, who had walked, from second with the tying run.

"I don't want to come back before I'm ready, but at the same time it felt like we'd progressed enough and felt good enough to get in there," Werth said.

Washington starter Doug Fister allowed two unearned runs in seven innings, and hasn't given up an earned run in his last 22½ innings.

The Nationals trailed 2-1 before a successful challenge started a seventh-inning rally.

A pitch to Michael Taylor was called a foul ball by home plate umpire Andy Fletcher as Taylor started towards first. Manager Matt Williams challenged, saying the 2-1 pitch hit Taylor's hand, and the call was overturned upon review.

Pinch-hitter Kevin Frandsen and Span singled to load the bases. Cabrera, facing reliever Jared Hughes, grounded to first baseman Mike Davis. Davis threw high to home, the ball deflecting off Russell Martin's glove as Taylor scored.

Scoreboard

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Astros 8, Red Sox 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Grimm RF	4	1	1	0	B.Holtz 2b	4	1	1	0
Altuve 1b	4	4	1	1	Navarro 1b	4	0	1	1
Carter dh	5	0	0	0	D.Oritz dh	4	0	0	0
Springer 2b	4	0	0	0	J.Krishn 1b	4	0	0	0
Smith 1b	3	2	1	1	K.Johns 1b	3	0	0	0
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Krusch lf	3	1	2	1	Melky 3b	4	0	0	0
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Ellisby cf	5	0	1	0	Zobrist 2b	4	1	2	1
Beltran rf	3	0	0	0	Joyce if	4	1	0	0
Izuzki rf	0	0	0	0	Longoria 2b	4	0	0	0
McCann 1b	4	1	1	1	Yescors ss	4	0	0	0
Headly 3b	4	0	2	0	McMahon 1b	4	0	0	0
Prado 2b	4	1	2	0	Mojin c	2	0	0	0
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Lucroy powers Brewers

By JOE RESNICK
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jonathan Lucroy put the finishing touches on Milwaukee's resounding three-game sweep of Los Angeles, giving the NL West leaders plenty to think about should they meet again in October.

Lucroy tied a season high with five RBIs, including his first home run in more than three weeks, and the Brewers beat the Dodgers 7-2 on Sunday to maintain their three-game lead over St. Louis in the NL Central.

Lucroy also had five RBIs on June 17 at Arizona, including a pair of homers — one of which was a grand slam.

"It was one of those days where I got a couple of good pitches to hit and was able to hit them hard," Lucroy said. "(Dan) Haren made a couple of mistakes up in the zone and I was able to take advantage."

Wily Peralta (15-7) tied Johnny Cueto and Adam Wainwright for the major league lead in victories, allowing five hits in six scoreless innings. The right-hander is 6-1 with a 1.79 ERA in seven starts since giving up a career-worst nine runs in a 9-7 home loss to Philadelphia on July 8.

"I've just been pounding the strike zone and working ahead of the hitters. That's been the difference since that game in Philadelphia," Peralta said. "I've been able to locate my fastball and mix it in with some off-speed stuff."

"They made me work today, but



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Brewers' Jonathan Lucroy hits a three-run double as Dodgers catcher Drew Butera, left, and home plate umpire Mike Estabrook look on during the second inning Sunday in Los Angeles.

I was able to make the big pitch when I had to and I was able to put zeroes on the board. And it's always good when you get early run support."

Carlos Gomez hit his 20th homer, helping the Brewers become the first team to sweep the Dodgers in a series of three or more games this season. They also won a road series for the first time since sweeping a three-game set from Colorado from June 20-22.

The Dodgers' fourth loss in five games, coupled with San Francisco's 5-2 win over Philadelphia, reduced their NL West lead over the Giants to 3½ games.

"We played a really good team and they showed why. They have

a very deep lineup and good pitching," Haren said. "I mean, they're in first place, so it's not like we got swept by some last-place team."

Haren (10-10) gave up six runs and five hits over three innings in his shortest outing of the season, following consecutive victories against the Angels and Atlanta Braves.

Two of the runs on Haren's line were unearned, the result of an error by three-time Gold Glove first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, who dropped a short throw from second baseman Dee Gordon on a grounder by Jean Segura in the second.

Haren, who came in averaging 1.86 walks per nine innings,

opened the game by walking Gomez and giving up Lucroy's 13th homer. He walked Gomez again with two out in the second, and Lucroy cleared the bases with his NL-leading 40th double to give the Brewers a 5-0 lead.

"I definitely was trying to pitch Gomez carefully, and he didn't swing at anything out of the zone," Haren said. "The scouting report said he's a free swinger and he doesn't walk too much. With a guy with the amount of power he has, you've got to be a little careful. And when he gets on first base, he's a threat to run. So you've always got to be conscious of that and be a little quicker to the plate to the next guy."

Mariners roll past Tigers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Lloyd McClendon was upset after he was thrown out by umpire Tony Randazzo for the second straight game. At least this time it came in a victory for his Seattle Mariners.

Chris Young pitched six shutout innings and Seattle beat Detroit 8-1 Sunday, winning the weekend series and moving back ahead of the Tigers in the race for the second AL wild-card spot.

McClendon was ejected in the seventh inning of the series finale when Randazzo said the manager made a hand gesture after the third base umpire turned down a check-swing appeal on a 3-2 pitch to Alex Avila.

"They said I raised my hand," McClendon said. "That's a new one for me."

Randazzo said McClendon "took his hand and shoed away my call."

McClendon also was ejected by Randazzo during Detroit's 4-2 win on Saturday night for arguing balls and strikes, even though McClendon said it wasn't him complaining.

"I've never had a problem with him before this weekend, so I don't understand this," McClendon said. "If there's a history between us, I'm certainly not aware of it."

Young (12-6) allowed four hits and walked one while improving to 2-0 with a 1.67 ERA in four career starts against Detroit. The 6-foot-10 right-hander has won each of his last three starts this season and is 4-0 with a 2.45 ERA in his last five games overall.

"With that lineup, you know you are going to get into trouble," he said. "The key is getting out of it, and I was able to miss bats when I needed to today."

Tigers rookie Robbie Ray (1-3) struggled while replacing injured right-hander Anibal Sanchez. Ray allowed four runs, three earned, and seven hits in five innings.

"We're asking Robbie to compete in a pennant race," Detroit manager Brad Ausmus said. "That's a tall order. It's not always going to come up roses for a young pitcher in that situation."



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Mariners right fielder Chris Denorfia fields a foul ball hit by the Oakland Tigers' Ian Kinsler on an out during the fifth inning on Sunday. Seattle won 8-1.

Minor major help as Braves sweep A's

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ATLANTA — Mike Minor needed a reason to believe he could work his way back to his 2013 form.

Beating Jon Lester could provide that confidence boost.

Minor pitched seven strong innings, Justin Upton and Chris Johnson homered and the Atlanta Braves beat the reeling Oakland Athletics 4-3 on Sunday night, ending Lester's seven-game winning streak.

"That's Mike Minor of old right there," Atlanta first baseman Freddie Freeman said.

The Braves swept the three-game series, leaving the A's with a five-game losing streak, their longest of the season. The A's have lost seven of eight overall and trail the Angels, who lost to Texas on Sunday, by percentage points in the AL West.

"This is really the best bad road trip we've had this year," manager Bob Melvin said. "This was not a good trip. So we've got to get home and we've got to regroup. It will be good to get home in front of our crowd. They're usually good for us."

Minor (5-8), who entered with a 5.33 ERA, allowed two runs in a performance reminis-



DAVID TULIS/AP

Braves starting pitcher Mike Minor allowed two runs in seven innings in a 4-3 victory against the Athletics on Sunday.

cent of last season, when he was 13-9 with a 3.21 ERA.

"We're going to need him rolling to get us where we're going to go," Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

Oakland's Nate Freeman hit two homers, giving him three in the series, but Minor allowed only two other hits. "I feel like I'm in a different mindset," Minor said after his second straight quality start.

Craig Kimbrel worked a perfect ninth for his 37th save.

Lester (13-8) allowed four runs, three earned, and six hits in six-plus innings in his first loss since June 7 for the Red Sox at Detroit. He had been 3-0 with a 2.49 ERA in three starts since his July 31 trade to the A's.

Upton hit four homers in the 10-game homestand, including two against the A's. He has hit 16 of his 23 homers at Turner Field.

Freeman led off the second inning with a drive that landed several rows beyond the center-field wall.

The Braves tied it in the bottom half. After Upton singled, Johnson lined to third baseman Josh Donaldson, who threw to first base in an attempt for a double play. The throw hit Upton and rolled into the Atlanta dugout, and Upton was awarded third base. Evan Gattis followed with a run-scoring single to right field.

Phil Gosselin led off the Atlanta fourth with a single to right field. With one out, Upton drove a low, inside pitch from Lester about 10 rows deep into the left-field seats for a 3-1 lead.

"I thought it was a good pitch when I threw it," Lester said. "I went back and looked at it and, good pitch. So sometimes you've got to tip your hat."

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Gordon takes points lead with win at Michigan

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BROOKLYN, Mich. — Jeff Gordon's third Sprint Cup win of the season came down to one crucial restart.

Gordon got the better of Joey Logano and led Sunday's race at Michigan International Speedway with 16 laps remaining. After that, he had little trouble maintaining a comfortable margin over Kevin Harvick, who ended up finishing second.

"Joey, as we rolled up to some of the restarts — not that last one, but some of the other ones — as guys were starting to sort of anticipate it, he was slowing down, and when he slowed down, everybody got bottled up, and then he'd take off," Gordon said. "That last one, I thought he had a good start, but I had a good one, too."

The 43-year-old Gordon won his first Cup race at MIS since 2001, the same year he won his most recent championship on NASCAR's top series. He's now looking like a threat to win another. Sunday's win gave him the series points lead over Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr.

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“There’s got to be some advantages to being 43 out there. I would hope being more patient and using your head a little bit more would be one of them.”

Jeff Gordon

NASCAR driver, on his late-career resurgence after earning his first Cup win at MIS since 2001, his third victory of the season

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